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YOUTH TEAM HEAD FOR CARDIFF CUP FINAL THIS SATURDAY 'COWBRIDGE ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE PRINCIPALITY STADIUM!'



It will be an exciting day this Saturday as people from Cowbridge travel to Cardiff to support the youth team in the WRU Youth Challenge Cup Final.

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ALL roads from the town this Saturday, April 23, lead to the Principality Stadium as Cowbridge RFC youth take on Cardiff Met in the WRU Youth Challenge Cup final.

Gareth Petty of Cowbridge RFC told The GEM: "It is a massive achievement and we'd welcome as much support as possible - it will be a great day out for the town. The kick-off is at 3.30pm and a coach will be leaving the club at 1.45pm."

En route to the final, Cowbridge Youth claimed notable scalps including top sides in both the Ospreys' region and Scarlets' region.

region.

In the semi-final, Cowbridge beat Llanelli Wanderers at Llandarcy Academy in a hard-fought match, winning 13-6.

Gareth said: "The youth coaches, Richard Harris and Darren Gibbon, have done a fantastic job, developing the side into one that plays an exciting, expressive brand of rugby."

"We want to thank all those who've supported us including David Evans Agricultural, Colin Boxall, Vale Markets, Mike Dawson and Mike Cuddy."

If people are interested in a seat on the coach, they should have a word with Gareth at the club this Thursday night.

Book festival to cease after raising £30,000

THE organisers of the Cowbridge Book festival say that it will not be continuing.

Trustees have announced that in 2015, it raised £1,700 for charity, and the total raised since the festival began in 2011 is £30,000.

Organiser Stella Cheeseman told The GEM: "We have had some wonderful, thought-provoking speakers and raised a considerable sum for local charities. I hope that festival followers have enjoyed attending events as much as we enjoyed presenting them." (See next week's GEM for more on this story).



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'Tired of class warfare supporters'

I RECENTLY read a tirade on the letters' pages against The GEM newspaper from Labour supporters concerning the Tory advertisement 'wrap' with incredulity.

From this one action the socialists writing in linked, among other subjects, the end of the world; owning a BMW car being beyond the pale; the Tonybandy riots; second homes; and rounded off with the usual 'chip on the shoulder' class warfare. Are these people real?

I presume we still live in a democracy, and are not all steeped in socialist dogma that has no contact with reality.

I have just as strong anti-Labour sentiments

as they have against the Tories, but as a resident of the 'socialist paradise' that is Wales I have to put up and shut up not for just one week, but year after year.

I live in one of the most deprived areas of Europe, despite many years of Labour rule in local, regional and national Government.

One of the correspondents also mentioned "Chelsea tractors". An interesting fact: if you happen to live in the borough of Chelsea and Kensington, one of the wealthiest parts of Britain per head of the population, instead of living in the Bridgend county council area, you would pay £500 year less council tax per annum on your property. Now that is a fact.

Ian Hampton, Maesteg.

'Mr England not a hero'

I AM writing into The GEM this week regarding the ongoing campaign exploits of the Conservative AM candidate for the Vale constituency, Ross England.

It has been an issue which has been rather irritating me and many young people over the past couple of months, and I was pleased to see that a large number of people in the community seem to agree (Letters, April 7 edition).

I do not understand how this man can attempt to fear-monger the population of Vale just to gain a few more votes at the ballot in the upcoming election.

It also infuriates me when I receive editions of the Barry Chronicle – the Vale of Glamorgan's number one propaganda pamphlet.

Do the Conservatives realise that their constant attempts to shove their policies down the public's throats is just going to increase resentment towards

them? I would like to finish this letter by asking a question another reader asked recently: "What does he stand for?"

All I see in Ross England is what I see in Alun Cairns – a politician who is happy enough to declare he is helping the community develop and strive forward, but does nothing to help the real issues facing the Vale today such as unemployment, lack of youth facilities in the area and encouraging young people to get involved within the local area.

We don't want to see another photo of how the Tories have brought back the 'Log Flume' to the Island. What policy is that in exchange for?

I suggest that Mr England should stop taking photos of himself portraying himself as a hero to the community in an attempt to fear-monger the community, and actually try and win the public's vote in an honest fashion. Mitchell Thorngate, Barry.

Readers' Letters

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Is the Big Fill a failure?

IN three years of the Big Fill, potholes seem to have grown and multiplied.

As a regular cyclist, I have to play close attention to potholes, to see the way they grow, while trying to dodge the worst.

Penarth Road hill is one of the worst roadways. Riding it is like mountain biking.

Recent repairs have added another generation of patches; adding patches to patches on patches, as the pictures show.

Recent patches are small, added where the edges of old ones are crumbling, but only at some of the crumbling edges.

Why not a new patch over the whole – it is that the roadmen get paid per patch and leave themselves more

work for the next 12 months?

In comparison, Cardiff re-laid their section of Penarth Road down to Grangetown some three years ago. Its surface has lasted well.

A Welsh Local Government Association report 10 years ago pointed out that Welsh authorities spend highly on reactive maintenance.

'Managing the Funding Gap' (2006) said: "This will result in poorer value for money when compared to a well planned maintenance regime".

The Vale's 'Big Fill' just continued this costly strategy and has surely proved a big failure.

Max Wallis, Cardiff Cycling Campaign, Penarth.

'Conservative policy benefits the wealthy'

AS a standard rate taxpayer, the chancellor raised my tax allowance by £500 in his recent budget which means that I will be £1.92 a week better off next year.

Thanks George, that will buy me a loaf of bread and a tin of beans (small).

In the same budget he awarded himself and people like him 20 per cent of £3,000, six times as much!

Before deciding how

to cast my vote on May 5 I would like to know if Mr England approves of this Conservative policy of running the country for the benefit of the better off while food bank use is running at record levels? (85,000 plus in Wales this year.)

Then, with regard to the EU vote, is he in with Alun (and what a surprise that is) or is he out with RT?

Which conservative party is he asking me to vote for? I need to know.

Rev I James, Barry.

Are Cardiff clubs taking over Penarth?

I AM a little concerned that the Vale Council seems to have amalgamated Cardiff Council already, and they have done this without consultation.

My reason for writing this letter is that the people of Penarth have great problems trying to book Penarth Leisure Centre for badminton, five-a-side football; it seems that a lot of booking are being taken by Cardiff sports clubs.

Perhaps COUNCILS Moore, Burnett and John would like to explain why this is happening. Name and address supplied.



Barry youngsters to the rescue

I WOULD just like to say on behalf of all the family, a huge 'thank you' to two young heroes of the night who were in the right place at the right time!

My elderly mother, when putting out her refuse in Pyke Street, lost her balance and took a tumble into the road and was unable to get up.

She was spotted by the couple who came to her rescue and between them, they managed to get her to her feet,

offering to contact someone and making sure she got into her house safely.

Without their help, the situation could have been much worse.

The youth of today are often blamed for much wrong doings, but the majority do 'have a heart' and for that we are very grateful.

My mother has suffered bruising and shock and is recovering at home.

She has also had a ticking off for going out after dark!

T Abery, Barry.

Heartfelt thank you

MY heartfelt thanks to the Good Samaritans who stopped to help my husband when he had an accident in the car at the bottom of Burton Hill in March.

I am pleased to say that no other car or person were involved in the accident. Sadly, since then, my husband has passed away and that is why I am so late in sending this letter.

Thank you for such a kind and thoughtful act which was so very much appreciated.

Patricia Rauch, St Athan.

'What is objection to a free press?'

I AM appalled by the number of GEM readers who are opposed to 'the freedom of the press'.

This 'wrap around' was a commercial transaction and has no bearing on the political views of the newspaper. Without advertising revenue, free newspapers, or any newspaper, would not be published thus depriving the public of in-depth information on local and national issues.

This is vital if we are to make our own "informed" decisions on matters of importance to

us. Where next for those who would wish to control what a free press is allowed to print, or for others to express their views?

Ban churches from publishing times and dates of services? No more advertising of meat products? The list is endless.

My apologies to genuine atheists and vegetarians for these last comments who I am sure are willing to accept, if not agree, with those who may hold different views from theirs.

Stalinism is alive and well in Barry! D Evans, Barry.

Vale cleansing staff should be praised

TWO months ago, I wrote to the Vale Council regarding the bus shelter at Williams Stores in Barry.

I reported that one of the plastic windows was missing and that those remaining were so dirty they could not be seen through.

I never had a reply, but I did get a result. The missing window has been put back; but another one has been taken out. We seem to be playing a game of chase the pane.

The fact is that these old type shelters are a disgrace to the Vale and should have been replaced years ago.

However, a word of praise where it is due. The cleansing staff on the Vale Council do a good job to keep our roads and pavements clean, and waste bins cleared of rubbish. Well done to them all.

I hope teachers will teach children, as we were told years ago, not to drop litter and to keep Britain tidy. David Lloyd, Barry.

More financial openness, please

IT'S good to see some politicians releasing some details of their financial interests.

Local government councillors on council cabinets or planning committees would be another move in the right direction.

Dennis Harkus, FocusBARRY member.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL APRIL 28)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
21 Thur	06.59	9.3	19.19	9.4
22 Fri	07.33	9.6	19.47	9.7
23 Sat	08.05	9.5	20.21	9.5
24 Sun	08.33	9.5	20.50	9.5
25 Mon	09.04	9.3	21.19	9.3
26 Tues	09.35	9.2	21.51	9.1
27 Wed	10.07	8.9	22.25	8.7
28 Thur	10.47	8.6	23.09	8.5

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Residents are encouraged to help company's charitable trust

WALES' bottled water producer, Princes Gate Spring Water, is encouraging people in Cowbridge to help in its efforts to raise £100,000 to enhance the lives of disadvantaged children and young people.

As part of its 25th anniversary celebrations, the business, which produces over 120 million bottles of spring water each year, is seeking the support of individual fundraisers and corporate partners.

Set up by brothers David and Glyn Jones in 1991, the Narberth-based business has raised over £150,000 for a number of Wales-based charities, including the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity, over the past 25 years.

In 2014, it made the decision to formalise and strengthen its charitable endeavours by establishing the Princes Gate Trust; a stand-alone



registered charity.

The Princes Gate Trust raised in excess of £100,000 in its first year alone through a variety of fundraising events and challenges including sponsored bike rides clocking up 10,000 miles, ultimate marathons and its very own 'Daithlon' – a quirky twist on a triathlon. It has helped a number of inspirational and spirited young

people across Wales.

Over the next year and with the support of ambassadors including former Wales rugby players Ryan Jones, Shane Williams and Ian Gough, the business is looking to up its fundraising efforts for the trust through a number of challenges including Velothon Wales, CARTEN100, Ironman Wales and St David's Hotel and Spa Zip Wire Challenge.

The Princes Gate Trust has also been chosen to receive half the proceeds of the Manic Street Preachers' official Wales EURO 2016 song, 'Together Stronger (C'mon Wales)', in partnership with The Football Association of Wales.

David Jones, managing director of Princes Gate and founder of the Princes Gate Trust, said: "Our 25th anniversary is a significant landmark for our business. It is something we're incredibly proud of and something that wouldn't be possible without the support of our very talented and dedicated team of employees.

"I feel this will be our biggest and best year yet. The challenges are tough and our ambitions are high. We already have the support of some fantastic corporate supporters, individual fundraisers and brand ambassadors, and we are hopeful that many others will join us in our mission to change lives and create smiles."

Those wishing to support the Princes Gate Trust should visit www.princesgatetrust.co.uk or email info@princesgatetrust.co.uk.

HUW LLOYD



Penllyn Bridge Club's Cup presentation

AT the AGM of the Penllyn Bridge Club held on Thursday, April 14, Wayne Stephens, the tournament director, presented the Robert Brown Cup to this year's winners, Helen and Mike Ruttley.



COMMUNITY NEWS
TREES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL
Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Trees Action Group
LLANGAN COMMUNITY
councillor, Paula Wilson of the Trees Action Group, wishes to thank Jane Hutt AM for holding two surgeries in the village last week to discuss the noise and planning application issues impacting on the village close to the Waterton Industrial Estate.

Thanks also to Alun Cairns MP, Andrew RT Davies AM, Lower Coychurch and Llangan Community Council and to the villagers for taking time to write and object to the change of hours proposed by Ward Jones.

Let us hope Bridgend County Borough Council takes account of our views.

Trees village
JANE HUTT AM was again at the Trees Village Hall on Sunday, April 17, to support the residents who have issues with the Ward Jones storage site at

Cowbridge Art Society
ON Thursday, April 28
Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Penarth artist Becky Adams (see www.beckyadams.co.uk/) who will run a workshop on Creating Small Collage Paintings from Paper and Fabric.

Becky has exhibited throughout the UK and is an experienced teacher and demonstrator.

The society meets each Thursday 7pm – 9 pm at Old Hall, Cowbridge.

Waterton.

On his Facebook page, he states the new 5.6 acre site at Waterton will offer more storage for caravans, boats, HGV parking and further containers for sale.

If this goes ahead, how is it going to affect the parking facility for the already overcrowded road leading to Ward Jones?

The BCBC Planning Department must look into the problems that may arise.

On a recent visit to a friend in the Park Newydd area of Treoes, I was surprised to hear tractors seemingly close by. On investigation, I could see the hedge and trees were razed to the ground, with no thought for birds or other wild animals who will soon need hedge cover to build their nests.

Young at Heart Club
BIRTHDAY wishes go to Young at Heart member Gwen David, who celebrated her 94th birthday last week.

Choral Society performs in Pontyclun

COWBRIDGE Choral Society is joining with the Pontypridd Society once again to present its next concert on Saturday, April 23.

The main work will be 'The Armed Man' by Karl Jenkins, together with Parry's 'I Was Glad', Vaughan Williams' 'Toward the Unknown Region', Handel's 'Zadok The Priest' and Sibelius's 'Finlandia'.

The City of Cardiff Symphony Orchestra

Merched y Wawr

Cyfarfod y gangen, Ebrill 11
CAFWDYD noswaith hwylus dros ben dan arweiniad brwdfrydig un o'n haelodau, Eirwen Thomas.

Dangosodd hi sut i drefnu blodau a gwyddlesni i wneud trefniant hyfryd i'r ty.

Roedd yr aelodau wedi dod a'i defnydd eu hunain a gwelwyd gosodiadau hyfryd o amgylch yr ystafell erbyn diwedd y sesiwn.

Diolch yn fawr iawn i Eirwen am noson wych.

Croesawyd ddwy ferch newydd atom, Ruth a Karen ac rydym yn fawr obehithio y byddant yn ymaelodi ym mis Medi.

Cynhaliwyd y raffl ac ar ol cwpanaid o de gwnaethom draffod y wibdaith flynyddol i'w gynnal ym Mis Mai a hefyd y barcbiciu ym mis Mehefin.

Byddwn yn trafod y rhaglen newydd cyn bo hir.

Croeso mawr i aelodau newydd ymuno a'r gangen.

Branch meeting of Cowbridge Merched y Wawr April 11

A MOST entertaining evening of flower arranging was led by one of our members, Eirwen Tomas.

She showed us how to arrange some flowers and greenery in order to make an attractive arrangement for the house.

The members came armed with their own materials and some lovely arrangements were evident by the end of the session. Many thanks to Eirwen for an excellent evening.

Two ladies, Ruth and Karen, were welcomed to the evening and it is hoped very much that they will join us as members in September. A raffle was held and after a cup of tea the annual trip and barbecue were discussed.

A new programme for next year will soon be drawn up. New members are always welcome.



Eirwen Tomas.

Big Screen

BIG SCREEN'S next film for this season is Brooklyn (Cert 12A) on Thursday, April 28 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

Eilis (Saoirse Ronan), emigrates to Brooklyn in the 1950s to escape the claustrophobic life in Enniscorthy but is leaving behind a boyfriend.

With the help of her landlady (Julie Walters) and her priest (Jim Broadbent), she slowly takes to her new life and finds a new love (Emory Cohen).

The freedom of American life is eventually sacrificed to the pull of the old country.

This adaptation of Colm Toibin's prizewinning novel captures both place and people in a most moving way.

Doors open 7.10pm; tickets £4 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door).

Apologies to all for giving the wrong date in last week's GEM.

DB

Music at the village hall

ON Saturday, May 7, Aberthin Village Hall will host the celebrated harpist Harriet Earis, who will provide entertainment on the Celtic harp in her own inimitable style.

Harriet is twice winner of the Harpist of All Britain Award, and winner of the coveted 'Open Stage Award' at the Celtic Connections music festival – chosen

from over 82 acts for the title.

So, if you are an aspiring harpist, or someone who loves music, then please join us at the hall for a wonderful musical evening.

Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children, and include a Welsh supper. Bring your own wine or other refreshment. Tickets are available from Gary Rees on 01446 773193. All welcome.



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Villagers in clean up for the Queen

A VILLAGE spring clean (Clean for the Queen) was held last week at Peterston-super-Ely.

The secretary of Cyswllt Peterston Connect, Chris Powell, reported: "There were 20 of us in the end covering all of the village including the school. Some brave souls also covered the approach roads including up the logwood and towards Groes Faen."

"We were supported by Tim Wort from Keep Wales Tidy who also helped a few of us in the afternoon when we concentrated on the River Ely. Tim put

on his waders and cleared the river banks, which are always messy after the winter rains.

"Our special thanks to all who took part and for those who offered their services to maintain the roads approaching the village on a regular basis. Tim has offered to help with this and anyone interested in joining should contact me."

"After the hard work, which produced over 19 bags of litter, some of us retired to the Sportsman's Rest, where we had a royal toast to 'Her Majesty the Queen' on her approaching 90th birthday."

Treos villagers meet AM over local 'encroachment'



MORE than 40 residents joined Jane Hutt, the Vale's Assembly Member, at Treos community centre last Sunday morning to express strong concerns about the encroachment on the village by activities on Waterton Industrial Estate.

Villagers are concerned that a five acre greenfield area within the site, which contained trees and a hedge, and acted as a buffer for the village, has been cleared.

The village and industrial site

are on the Vale-Bridgend authority boundary and The GEM understands the group has also been in touch with Bridgend County Borough Council and with First Minister Carwyn Jones' office.

A group spokeswoman said: "The action group would very much welcome any advice from any legal, planning or environmental specialist which might assist us."

The group can be contacted at: treosactiongroup@gmail.com.

The Probus Club hear memories of Patagonia

THE Llantwit Major Probus Club meeting for April was held in Illtyd 216.

Members were welcomed by president John Clarke and the secretary read the minutes from the previous meeting.

Roger Gullett

PLANT TALK

Mr Kevin Thomas will give a presentation on 'My Favourite Plants' at Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major at 7.30pm on Wednesday, April 27.

For further information, visit www.llantwit-major-horticultural-society.com or telephone 01446 794829.

updated members on the arrangements for the trip on Monday, May 3.

With the scheduled speaker not available, one of our members, Cled Lewis, stepped into the breach and gave us an illustrated talk on the holiday he and his wife enjoyed to Argentina and Patagonia in 2008.

We were taken on a journey from Buenos Aires with the street dancers and guard changing at the memorial and eternal flame. From there, we were transported through some marvellous scenery which took in the Iguassu Falls and Perith Merio Glacier on our

way to Trelew in Patagonia and Puerto Madryn, where the first settlers landed.

Along the way, we took in some whale watching, and noted the numerous Welsh tea shops to remind everyone of the links between Patagonia and Wales.

Cled rightly received thanks and warm applause from members for a delightful hour's talk. This month's raffle was won by Tony Meakins.

The next month's meeting is on Tuesday, May 10, when the speaker is Hilary Collins.

MM

'Back In Action' are winners at Welsh healthcare awards



The Back in Action team at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.

THE 'Back in Action' programme at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (UHB) won a top award – the Welsh Government's Award for 'prudently advancing practice' at the Advancing Healthcare Awards 2016.

The awards are unique in that they are UK-wide and cover all professional and specialist groups whose achievements so often go unnoticed.

The Back in Action (BiA) programme is a multi-disciplinary rehabilitation programme for people with persistent low back pain.

The programme was founded in 2011 and has been gradually building ever since.

It is a collaborative project involving the patient, physiotherapy, clinical psychology, nursing and occupational therapy.

It is aligned with prudent principles and embraces evidence-based practice, enabling people to self-manage their lower back pain and build their confidence and motivation to engage in activities that are important for their wellbeing.

Fiona Jenkins, executive director of therapies and health science at Cardiff and Vale UHB said: "Being shortlisted for an award such as this recognised the commitment of the team over several years to innovate and push the boundaries of traditional practice, undertaking research and a real commitment to improve."

"By putting the patient at the centre of care, and skilling therapists to really focus on what is important to patients has made a huge difference to people we care for."

The team members received their award at a ceremony at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel in London on Friday, April 15.

Church holds 'stained glass' window festival

ST Paul's Church, Pontyclun will be holding its fifth 'stained glass' window festival at the end of June.

A window can be any size, made of any recycled material, knitted, sewn, painted, even baked, and entering is free.

The festival is being held in St Paul's Church on Saturday, June 25, from 10.30am to 6pm and on Sunday, June 26 from 12 noon to 5pm.

This will be followed by a 'Songs of Praise' special at 6pm when Rev Sue Rees will announce the people's favourite

windows.

On the weekend of the festival, a charge of £1 entry for adults and 50p for children under 14 will be made, which will include one vote each and throughout both days non-stop refreshments will be available, including delicious home made cakes, and a raffle.

All proceeds towards church funds.

To confirm you intend to enter a 'window' e-mail Sheila Giles at sheilannegiles@yahoo.co.uk or call at Giles Gallery, Cowbridge, Pontyclun, Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am to 5pm.

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Wales prop forward Rob Evans supports Blood Bikes Wales



Rob Evans on the Blood Bikes Wales 1300cc Trophy.

WALES prop forward Rob Evans has become a Blood Bikes Wales patron.

Rob is very keen to support BBW as he believes that the service they give is brilliant. He rode a small 125cc motorbike when he was younger, but is pictured on a Blood Bikes Wales 1300cc Triumph Trophy outside the Vale Hotel in a break between this year's RBS Six Nations training sessions.

Rob has played eight games for Wales and is considered to be one of the up and coming players who will help Wales maintain their current position in the world rankings.

Born in Haverfordwest, he played for the Carmarthen Quins and then made his Scarlets

PLANT SALE
COWBRIDGE Physic Garden's annual plant sale takes place in the Old Hall Gardens on Saturday, April 23, from 10am until 3pm.

As well as a vast array of plants grown by the volunteers, there will be a number of nurseries represented. There will also be a raffle.

debut in January 2013.

He played in the Wales under-20s and was selected for the Wales 2015 RBS Six Nations Squad after senior trials in May 2014.

He enjoys "relaxing" on his uncle's farm in Pembrokeshire where he loves helping out.

Rob is very keen to support Blood Bikes Wales and, who knows, he may well end up riding that Triumph in the

near future.

"It's really good to have Rob supporting us as his profile in our PR campaigns and at our events will attract the public to our charity," said Blood Bikes Wales chairman, Bernard Wright.

"We need high profile support for us to continue our work throughout Wales, and Rob's standing in the rugby arena is rising rapidly."

UNBEATABLE SERVICE!

I WOULD like to say 'thank you' to Rowena and the team at JRC Jewellery in Cowbridge for the outstanding customer service they provided recently.

Having had some problems with one of my earrings (bought from another shop which has since closed) I took it into JRC to see whether I could pay for them to adjust it in their workshop.

Despite not having bought the original earrings from them, Rowena offered to send my earrings back to the

supplier for a replacement as it was a brand that they stock.

I duly turned up with both earrings to find that Rowena had already contacted the supplier and agreed a free replacement so I was quite happy to leave them with her and collect the replacements another day.

However, as they had the same items in stock, she then offered to give me a replacement pair immediately, saving me a return journey to collect the replacements.

To me, this is service that is going beyond expectation. Thank you! **Caroline Green, Cowbridge.**

GARDENING, AN EISTEDDFOD AND WELSH CAKES Schoolchildren celebrate Welsh national saint's day in style!



Jacob and Mared, two of the competition winners.



The whole school outside Dyffryn House.



Happy Class 1 Welsh ladies.



RIGHT: Katie, Emily and Meghan enjoying Dyffryn Gardens.

THE St Nicholas Church in Wales Primary celebrated St David's Day in style – with the whole school descending on Dyffryn Gardens for a day of gardening and Welsh craft activities.



Paige Dawkes is proud to be Welsh.



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The inclement weather didn't dampen the children's spirits, as they each planted their seeds and created personalised daffodils. This was followed by a tour of Dyffryn House and its wonderfully kept gardens.

The afternoon surfaced and everyone returned to the school to learn about St David, participate in an eisteddfod and proudly sing the Welsh national

anthem.

The children had opportunities to showcase their talents through competitions such as creating 3D models of a Welsh landmark; poetry entitled 'Why I'm Proud to be Welsh'; taking photographs of local landmarks and making Welsh cakes.

The winners of the competition were then announced: Lucy Bevan, year-5 councillor,

stated: I was nervous when they announced the winners of the St David's Day competitions, but thankfully, I won first place in the art competition for my drawing of the Millennium Stadium, now the Principality Stadium.

"It was great to celebrate our national saint's day working with the National Trust at Dyffryn Gardens."

JASON DOWNEY

RED ARROWS RETURN!

JOHN Buxton, managing director of the Barry Tourist Railway, has announced that the Red Arrows Aerobatic Team has agreed to do a full display at Barry Island on Sunday, June 12.

It is on the day of the Transport Festival so there will be two good reasons to visit Barry Island on that day.

John said: "This will be the third year that we have secured the Red Arrows for Barry Island! It's great that we've been able to arrange this on the day of the Transport Festival,

which we always support wholeheartedly. The fact that the Red Arrows are coming gives this event, and Barry Island as a whole, the greatest promotion you could ever wish for.

"I'm also pleased to announce that we are receiving support to promote the Red Arrows display from Danter's Pleasure Park, Marco's and other Barry Island traders. The display is a substantial financial investment and by sharing the costs, it is hoped that with continued support, we can make this amazing aerobatic display an annual event."

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Buddy bench for Primary School



Llangan school's buddy bench.

Bridgend man (58) 'unlawfully obtained' £39,000 in benefits

AN unemployed Bridgend man has been sentenced to 42 weeks' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and made subject to a supervision order for two years at Cardiff Crown Court, writes AJ SICLUNA.

Alun James (58) of Heol Frenhines, Bridgend, admitted three charges of making false statements to obtain benefits and failing to disclose details to the authorities.

Prosecutor Tom Roberts said that for four years, James had claimed various state benefits to which he was not entitled.

In 2010, he said, he claimed employment support allowance and he also obtained job seekers' allowance, claiming he was unfit to work and in addition he received tax benefits and

housing allowance.

The total he unlawfully obtained, said Mr Roberts, was £39,064.

When investigations were carried out, he added, it was revealed that James owned a plot of land.

The court heard he had a previous conviction for benefit fraud and had been fined £1,000.

Said Judge David Wyn Morgan: "What's been going on here?"

James' solicitor, Nick Hartland, said: "He has been given the opportunity to sell the plot of land and it has been on the market since last November for £29,950.

"Unfortunately, there have been no offers. It is his only asset."

Mr Hartland said that James had been repaying the sum of £25 a month.

LLANGAN Primary School is pleased to announce the delivery of a brand new, hand built 'buddy bench'!

Easter arrived early for Llangan Primary School when they received the new bench for their playground.

The bench, commissioned by the Arts Development Service and the Vale of Glamorgan Council with Section 106

Development funding, was created by artist Nicola Tucker, together with year six pupils from the school.

The longer than average bench, made to seat five or six children, was designed by Nicola and hand built by her technician John Pezzack.

It has been hand chiselled and painted with the children's designs, representing peace, love and friendship which were translated by the artist as designs for the bench.

Bridgend Male Choir

A LUNCHEON will be held in aid of choir funds at the Heronston Hotel on Ewenny Road, Bridgend.

This will take place on June 17, 12.30pm for a 1.15pm start. Guest speaker will be Carolyn Hitt, Western Mail columnist.

Tickets £20 for the hot buffet, with a raffle and auction (which will include signed soccer and rugby shirts). Enquiries to Garethjamesdavies@gmail.com.

Cowbridge Scout group fashion show

THE Cowbridge Scout Group have had amazing evening on April 15.

We had a fashion show which was put on by Fat Face of Cowbridge; Melissa and Sam worked so hard. Fat Face also gave us £100 in vouchers for our raffle.

The Scout Hall had amazing make-over thanks to Sara Johnson and her amazing crew.

Taylor Bond from the marquee and furniture company came and did amazing job of changing the hall in to something super.

He did this for us free of charge which was so kind of him. So if ever you need a marquee give him a ring.

We had two of Sara's students Chloe Eugene and Ieuan Davies to help with all the hard work.

We had two sponsors Costa Coffee and the Co-op of Cowbridge, who were both very generous with the lovely cakes and drinks they gave us.

The Cads loaned us some tables and chairs for the evening.

We had some lovely raffle prizes which were donated by Fat Face; Kingfisher Gallery; Crabtree & Evelyn; Leekes; Gee & Hayes Hair Salon, Cardiff; Sylvia Williams Chemist; Eddershaws, Cardiff; Waitrose; The Penny Farthing; No 39; Arthur John; Angela, Amelia, Rebecca and Sandra.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who was so kind.

We had 23 models who did us all really proud and hope this will be a yearly event which Fat Face said they would love to do it for us again. We raised nearly £720.

A big thank you to everyone who helped putting everything



together. We are hoping this is the start of lots more fund raising. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are helping this Thursday evening with the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations, when a beacon will be lit at the rugby club in Cowbridge.

CHRISTINE MALLETT

New care homes will add something extra

TWO new Extra Care schemes are set to be built in Bridgend county borough.

A spokesman for Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) said: "The state of the art facilities will be developed at two former comprehensive school sites - Maesteg Lower in Maesteg and Archbishop McGrath in Ynysawdre - in partnership with Linc Cymru Housing Association.

"The project will create a total of 45 new Extra Care units, with 20 at Maesteg and 25 at Ynysawdre. These new schemes are also able to offer a residential care option to our existing residents for as long as required, as an alternative to the three ageing care homes within Maesteg, Ynysawdre and Ogmore Vale. The schemes have been developed as part of ongoing plans to modernise residential care services."

Extra Care facilities are designed to offer tenants their own

apartments fitted with all the equipment they need to live safely and independently. The residential facility will offer 24/7 on-site support alongside a range of community facilities.

They also enable couples to continue to live together within a supported environment after one partner's care or health needs change.

The county borough's first Extra Care facility, Llys Ton, opened at Kenfig Hill in 2011.

'ACTIVE FOR LONGER'

Council Leader Mel Nott said: "We are pleased to be working with Linc Cymru Housing Association on the forthcoming development of two new Extra Care schemes for the county borough.

"Extra Care is designed to meet the needs of people as they grow older and enables them to live independently and actively for longer, and these facilities are destined to provide many benefits to the local community."

Coun Philip White,

cabinet member for social services and wellbeing, added: "We know that people in Bridgend county borough want alternatives to traditional residential care, and we also want to create more sustainable care models to respond to projected increases in demand for care services

"Extra Care is substantially different and massively advanced from traditional residential care. It remains the future of care throughout the UK, and we'll continue to work with staff, service users and their families to ensure a smooth transition into the new facilities once they have been completed."

Susan Cooper, director for social services and wellbeing, said: "We are keeping in close contact with the people who live in the existing homes and their families, as well as staff and we will continue to do so. Their input is extremely valuable and we want them to contribute to the new plans to help us ensure that people can

continue to benefit from all the care and support they need."

The chief executive of Linc-Cymru, Robert Smith, added: "BCBC and Linc have worked successfully together on joint developments in the past and Linc has a reputation for delivering high quality accommodation and an excellent customer experience for our tenants.

"We are committed to delivering homes and services that promote wellbeing, dignity and choice for older people. Knowing that a loved one is in a safe and happy environment helps to alleviate stress and anxieties for families."

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Scott McGlynn's memoir 'Out' receives five star reviews

by GEM REPORTER

THE memoir of a gay Barry man, who overcame bullying, has received 11 five star reviews on Amazon.

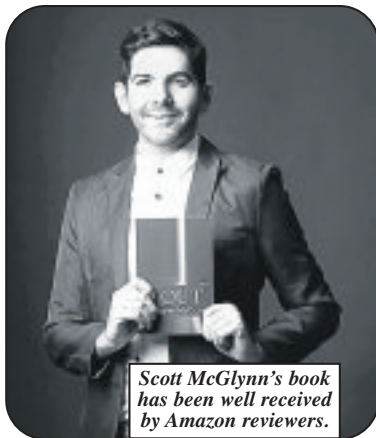
Scott McGlynn told The GEM: "My book 'Out' is a chronicle about the years I was bullied for being gay and how I overcame it.

"It describes my experiences growing up and learning to accept my true self.

"I wrote the book to help and inspire others going through the same situation in school or a work place, getting verbal abuse for just for being themselves."

One reviewer on Amazon commented: "Out is a short, but powerful and moving autobiographical book, telling of the early struggles faced by a gay young person in a small Welsh town.

"It chronicles 28-year-old Scott's early



Scott McGlynn's book has been well received by Amazon reviewers.

life, growing up in Barry. He tells of his secondary school experiences, where he ran into bullies who hated him solely because of his sexuality, at a time when he was still learning to come to terms with it himself."

Another commented: "One would be forgiven for thinking that Scott

has had more books published – it's hard to realise that this is his first due to the powerful use of language, and the way he unfolds his journey right through to his first couple of jobs."

Scott now manages a salon in Cardiff and runs a celebrity interview blog at

www.scottmcglynn.net.

WORK OF THE TALL SHIPS YOUTH TRUST

THE speaker at last week's Barry Men's Forum was Peter Coleman, who gave a talk on The Tall Ships Youth Trust.

He explained that it was a self funding charity. They specialise in providing trips to youths aged from 12 to 25.

These voyages range from short day trips, seven to 10-day voyages or longer 21-day voyages to the Caribbean or the Azores.

Each voyage provides a unique, memorable and in some cases a life changing experience.

Young people are taught to live eat and sleep like sailors.

The senior officers and watch crews have individual cabins with portholes. The rest of the crew have two berth cabins with portholes.

The trainee sailors share six-berth internal cabins without windows. The crew have flat bunks, but the rest sleep in pipe bunks.

Hammocks are banned, as during extremely bad weather, they can tip the sleeper out onto the deck.

The larger tall ship take between 48 and 80 trainee sailors and 17 crew members. The crew consist of six paid officers and 11 volunteers. The crew do not wear uniforms they dress in casual clothing, in order not to appear too authoritarian.

The trainees are taught basic seamanship, they are taught how to haul up the sails and climb the rigging.

Due to health and safety regulations, they have to wear a complete body harness while on deck and climbing the rigging.

Each body harness has two lanyards, they must have one constantly clipped to the boat's safety rigging at all times.

They have a happy hour every morning; no alcohol is involved! During that hour, the whole of the ship is cleaned, the decks

swabbed and they all take turns assisting in the galley. Apparently, 72 per cent of all families do not have a dining table. They are taught to lay up tables with a full set of cutlery in the dining room.

These ships take on board 500 gallons of drinking water. Discharges, sewerage and refuse are dealt with at each port of call. They are not allowed to discharge anything into the sea.

All the tall ships have engines which they only use in emergencies, or when becalmed, or while entering and leaving ports. Even so their annual fuel bill is £500,000.

The rigging ropes have to be replaced every 10 years and the sails are constantly in need of repair and patching.

There are 150 Tall Ships still sailing. The Tall Ships' Annual Race is scheduled to start from Cardiff and Barry in 2021.

At the forum's next meeting on April 28, Rosemary Chaloner will be speaking on the topic of 'Villeret French Village in World War One', at Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent. It meets every Thursday morning at 10.15am. New members are very welcome.

Emergency crews discuss Sully Island safety

IT was all hands on deck at a recent multi-agency meeting aimed at reducing incidents at Sully Island.

The round table discussion, hosted by the Penarth RNLI, was attended by South Wales Fire and Rescue service, Maritime & Coastguard Agency, National Police Air Service, National Coastwatch Institution and the RNLI's community safety team.

Many of Penarth RNLI's call-outs are to people cut off by the tide at Sully Island, where the causeway allows people to walk across to the island at lower tides but is cut off when the tide comes in and covers the causeway.

Recently, Penarth RNLI's volunteer lifeboat crew rescued five people and their three dogs who had become cut off on the island by the incoming tide.

Jason Dunlop, lifeboat operations manager at Penarth RNLI, said:

"This was a positive meeting which identified tangible opportunities to work more closely together with a common goal of risk reduction."

Nicola Davies, RNLI community incident reduction manager, said:

"The tide at Sully Island can move very quickly and can catch people unaware."

"The causeway to the island is open three hours before low water to three hours after it – on the Barry tide times."

"We ask people going to Sully Island to always check the tidal sign located on the wall heading down to the causeway, to check when it is safe to cross."

"If it is green it is safe to go, and the sign will tell people how long they can safely stay on the island."

"If it shows amber, then you must be cautious as the tide is heading back in; if the sign is showing red our advice is never to go to the island, as there is a real risk of being cut off."

"If anyone does get stuck on the island our advice is not to try and wade ashore, which is a dangerous thing to do. People can easily be swept away by the currents. People should stay on the island and dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard."

"The RNLI charity, in partnership with other organisations, is undertaking a range of initiatives to increase knowledge about dangers at Sully Island," she added.

ANDY BERRY

WI hears about 'Mothers in Africa'

AFTER a film night in March – Salmon Fishing in the Yemen with popcorn and choc-ices – it was time to listen to more serious matters.

St Nicholas WI president Fran Mitchell welcomed Miss Alex Rees to tell us about the work of a small local charity, Mothers of Africa, founded in 2004 by a professor of anaesthetics in Cardiff.

Miss Rees, a consultant in obstetrics and gynaecology, explained that the aims of the charity were to assist and educate pregnant women in parts of Africa (Zambia, Liberia, Togo, Benin and Ethiopia) where there was little access locally to contraception advice, and few facilities for the treatment of problems that would be easily dealt with in this country, but could be life-threatening in an area where there might be only one anaesthetist in a population of one million.

Volunteers from Welsh hospitals, among them Miss Rees, visit, engaging with local government and politicians and, with their support, going into local hospitals and training local people to assist in medical care.

In one village a very basic operating theatre has been set up attached to a four ward hospital

where it is now possible to perform hysterectomies, among other procedures.

Miss Rees said that she found teaching to be the most rewarding aspect of her volunteering.

The meeting continued with the president leading a discussion on the resolutions to be voted on at the NFWI Annual Meeting.

One was the need for a patient with dementia to be able to have access to their regular carer while on a hospital ward, and the second resolution was to persuade supermarkets to pass on to foodbanks produce that was about to pass its 'best before' date.

Matters in the county newsletter were discussed, in particular an appeal to help with the maintenance of the WI college, Denman, near Abingdon; and it was agreed to hold a coffee morning for this purpose in July.

Some members will be taking part in a WI walk on the Garth mountain, one of whom, Vivienne Hayes, took part in the World Half Marathon in Cardiff a few weeks ago.

Next month at our annual meeting there will be a plant sale and fish and chip supper. New members are always welcome.

WL

Southerndown WI learns about creative writing

WHEN we saw the layout of the tables for the April meeting of Southerndown WI we wondered if we were going back school for the evening!

Our speaker was Laura Foalke who was to talk to us about creative writing – and the tables were needed so that we could participate in a few exercises.

We started off thinking about emotions and writing a few sentences about any emotional experience we remembered, from being a child.

Some were funny, some were touching and some were quite frightening, but we all agreed it was difficult to condense the chosen situations into three sentences.

Laura explained how to develop the plot of a story by concentrating on the relationships between characters and emphasised that the opening sentence is the most important, particularly if writing for children, so that the reader will be hooked and want to carry on reading.

We surprised ourselves by recognising the opening sentences from several famous novels that Laura read.

PM

What's on, and where in your local area...

Gardening Club

THE next meeting of the Cowbridge Gardening Club will be the members' AGM, quiz and plant sale on Thursday, April 28 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Town Hall, Cowbridge.

Musical society CAOS Musical Society are performing a musical tour of the British Isles featuring songs 'Ferry Cross the Mersey', 'Scarborough Fair', 'Skye Boat Song' and many more at Rhose Community Centre, Stewart Road, Rhose on Saturday, April 30 from 7.30pm.

Tickets (£5) from 01446 713110, Rhose Spar or on the door.

The society will be performing a modern version of *Trial by Jury* by Gilbert and Sullivan in September/October and rehearsals for this production will start at 7.30pm on Wednesday, May 4 at St Athan Community Centre off Glyndwr Avenue, St Athan. No auditions required and all potential new members will be given a warm welcome. For further information call Jen on 01446 713110 or just come along.

'Extend' class KEEPING healthy and active as a pensioner doesn't have to mean sweaty gyms or fast dance-moves.

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music. It is ideal for those over 50 or disabled.

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Powys Scout Hall on Friday mornings from 10am to 11am with refreshments to follow each class.

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MC

A tribute to Jim Greenway, who loved the sea

JAMES Thomas Greenway was probably better known to most as Jim. He was born in Barry and was a local lad who always had a great love of his childhood and family homes, which were both at Fryatt Street.

He spent his early years growing up in his grandmother's home and he jumped at the chance to buy his own house in later life in the same street, where he had fond memories of his mother and grandmother whom he adored.

After a short illness Jim died peacefully on March 21, 2016, aged 82; the beloved husband of Doreen, a much loved father of Kevin, Keith, Kerry and Claire.

He was a cherished and well loved grandfather, great-grandfather and father-in-law. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

For many years, Jim had been a major driving force as a founder member of the Barry branch of the Merchant Navy Association and its Welsh body.

He passionately believed that all those who risked life and limb by going to sea and kept essential supply channels open to Britain and its allies deserved much greater recognition.

Jim was descended from James and Mary Greenway of Kinsale, southern Ireland, parents of Thomas and James. His grandfather, Thomas, lost his life in World War One when the ship he was serving on was torpedoed. His great-uncle James suffered the same fate in World War Two.

Like many Kinsale and Irish people his father James Joseph Greenway left Ireland in the early 1930s and joined the Merchant Navy, settling in Barry.

In 1932, he married Elizabeth Daisy Treweek, a Barry girl, and the family lived at Fryatt Street. Jim was raised with his two sisters, Joyce and Maureen. They have fond memories of growing up with their big brother always looking out for them and making sure that they were OK.

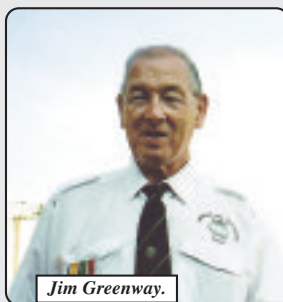
Jim's father, James Joseph Greenway was lost at sea in 1938 when Jim was aged only five and a half.

Following his father's death at sea, which he found out about when he was asked to read from a newspaper by an elderly woman in the town, he was told that he would have to be the man of the house at that very tender age, although his mother subsequently married Len Arnold.

Len and Elizabeth had two more boys together: Leonard (deceased) and Paul. A young Jim Greenway attended St Helen's, the town's Roman Catholic School and was interested in going to nautical college in Cardiff after that, but he was unable to afford the fees or the uniform.

Undeterred, he managed to go to sea by joining the Merchant Navy. He started off at 'Sea School' at Sharpness where he was taught the basics and subsequently did lifeboat and catering courses, excelling in the latter.

As a rating, his first ship was a Canadian cargo ship, the *Gatineau Park* in 1948.



Jim Greenway.

It sailed from Barry to Liverpool where it picked up a local cargo and went up the Manchester Canal to Salford, and after that crossed the Atlantic to ports in Canada and the USA.

Over the following years, Jim was to travel all over the world on marathon voyages – one as long as nine months – which took him through the Mediterranean sea and Suez Canal, to Aden, Singapore and Communist China and countless ports in between. Among many recollections was seeing a woman unloading heavy pit props from a ship in Turkey and the endless rows of white crosses dotted along the hills of the Black Sea route to Russia.

He also spoke of the Commonwealth War Grave Commissions' cemeteries, which he recalled were the graves of some of the millions of young lives tragically lost during the Great War. He

was always deeply saddened recalling the sheer numbers of young men who gave their lives during that conflict.

Some time during a voyage, he stopped off at Cobh, in southern Ireland and attempted to phone his father's cousin Gussie Greenway in Kinsale, but was not successful.

When Jim was in Ireland in 2006, he said that: "It was only eight years before, that I first visited the town of my father's birth after more than half a century, after being so close that day at Cobh." His first impression, he recalled, was that it was like: "Coming home at last."

Recurring stomach trouble and the doctor's advice forced him to leave the Merchant Navy, after which he worked for BP Distillers for 25 years as a polymerisation (PVC) technician.

He had also been involved during his time with BP, as a works convenor for the Transport and General Workers' Union, a memory of which was actually holding a picket inside the gates of a factory.

Jim was pleased that they never had to strike and they had secure pensions. He opted for early retirement in 1983. Jim was also a candidate for Labour in a local election.

Thankfully, he survived his days in peacetime as a seaman and until recently was the chairman of the Merchant Navy Association (Wales), Barry branch.

Jim played a major role in forging maritime links of friendship and fraternity and highlighting the role played by both Welsh and Irish men in the Merchant Navy, especially during

both World Wars.

In 2000, as secretary of the Barry MNA branch, he presented his grandfather's war medals at a reception in the Kinsale Regional Museum.

Jim was pleased that the branch a few years ago received the honour of the Freedom of the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan.

A major achievement of which Jim and his colleagues were very proud of was the signing of the friendship pacts between Kinsale Harbour Board and the Barry branch of the Merchant Navy Association. This took place in May 1999 in Kinsale after which he laid a wreath in remembrance of all seafarers who lost their lives at sea.

The second leg of the friendship pact was signed at the Sea View Labour Club in Barry on September 29, 2001. A similar pact of friendship was signed between Barry and Kinsale Councils a few years ago.

Jim had lived a full life with many interests, as a youth he enjoyed cycling – the cycle club met at 'Jocks'; they cycled all over Wales.

Voyages allowed time to enjoy reading and discover music from other countries.

Other interests included Harbour United Football Club, the Labour party, tropical fish, darts and skittles.

He enjoyed rugby and wanted Wales to win, but was a little torn when they played the Irish.

Information compiled by the Merchant Navy Association (Wales) Barry branch.

Vale Ramblers explore Newport and Caerleon

THE summer programme is well under way now and the first of the popular Wednesday evening walks has taken place.

Thirty four members met in Llantwit Town Hall car park and under the leadership of Ruth Curle, they made their way down to Ham Manor Park, and

eventually to the coastal path, walking westwards towards Colhugh Beach, before walking back to the town via the meadow.

The evening ended up at The Old Swan for a refreshing drink and chat. We look forward to the rest of the walks that have been planned for Wednesday evenings up until August.

'Following the Romans', this was the theme for the Sunday walk which was led by Jane Questle and supported by Jeff Williams.

Starting at the Bell Inn at Caerleon, the group made their way over the River Usk, seeing the remnants of an old port, until the development during the Victorian period of the docks at Newport, had been a busy port.

The all important coffee stop was enjoyed surrounded by the historic amphitheatre, although with a cycling race taking place and the activity that such an event entails, it wasn't a quiet coffee stop. After the coffee stop, we made our way to see the remains of the barracks and the thermæ.

Leaving the town behind, the group then started to make their way towards Lodge Hill, now a built up area, before making their way through Lodge Woods, which contain remnants of an Iron Age hill fort.

The views of the river and the surrounding areas, would have made this an ideal lookout; the visibility on a clear day would have given defenders a clear

view for miles.

Enjoying the walk through the woods, and seeing the carpet of bluebells made the walk up the hill enjoyable.

The views on such a clear day were spectacular. Looking eastwards, the group could just see the two bridges, the city of Newport was played with the historic transporter bridge being very much in evidence. While the walkers circled the hill, the views to the west and the north were equally as interesting.

What a feast for the eyes as the group enjoyed lunch seeing the busy motorways with all the traffic, the hills to the north, while they enjoyed the sing song of the chif-chaf and other birds.

Having been a mud-free walk up till lunch, the mud was waiting as the group made their way back round to the other side of Lodge Hill before starting the climb back through the woods and back to the top of the built up areas once more.

Getting back to the start was mud-free, as the walk was in the built up area of the town.

The entertainment that was being held at the Bell Inn made a pleasant background as the group enjoyed the post walk drink and snacks.

For further information, visit www.valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk or follow the group on both Facebook and Twitter.

GWENDA FITZPATRICK

Answer RNLI Mayday call at Penarth lifeboat station

PEOPLE in Penarth and neighbouring areas are being encouraged to support two local events to help raise vital funds for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) as part of the charity's national annual fundraising event, Mayday.

A spokesman reported: Organised by the Penarth RNLI fundraising committee, the first event, on Saturday, April 30 is a coffee morning to be held at the All Saints' Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, 10.30am until noon.

Admission is £1 on the door and there will be cake and bottle stalls, bric-a-brac, a raffle and a variety of lifeboat souvenirs to purchase. Refreshments will be available. There will also be an opportunity to purchase our Mayday yellow welly pin badges, which are sure to be popular on the day.

On Sunday, May 8 the committee hosts a 5km (three mile) walk around Penarth. Last year's event was very popular, and saw many adults, children and dogs take part in a really fun activity, helping us all to keep fit and raise funds at the same time.

It costs £5 per adult to take part in the walk, accompanied children are free, and the walk starts and finishes at Penarth Lifeboat Station, meet at 9am for a 9.30am start. There will be free tea and coffee at the station for all participants after the walk and a chance to see our boats and meet volunteer crew members.

The RNLI's Mayday campaign launches on Tuesday, April 26, and runs through to the May Day bank holiday weekend on Monday, May 2 with street collections and fundraising events taking place across the UK and Ireland.

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The candidates standing in Vale for the National Assembly for Wales

LAWRENCE Andrews, UKIP Wales; Denis Campbell, Welsh Liberal Democrats/Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru; Ross England, Welsh Conservative Party; Alison Haden, Wales Green Party/Plaid Werdd Cymru; Jane Hutt, Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru; Ian Johnson, Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales.

The election is being held on May 5 from 7am to 10pm.

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2016 GORCHYMYN (CAU'R FFORDD) (DROS DRO) (LANGLANDS ROAD, Y BARRI (RHAN OHONI)) 2016

1. Ar 21 Ebrill 2016 bu i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg gyhoeddi Gorchymyn, yn unol â'i bwerau o dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffordd 1984 (fel y'i diwygwyd), ac effaith hyn fydd i'r gweithredoedd a ddisgrifir yn yr atodiadau isod gael eu cyflawni:

2. Teitl y Gorchymyn fydd "Gorchymyn (Cau'r Ffordd) (Dros Dro) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Langlands Road, Y Barri (Rhan ohoni)) 2016.

ATODIAD 1

1. Ni fydd neb yn gyrru cerbyd modur nac yn cianiatáu i gerbyd modur deithio yn y lleoliad penodol a nodir yn Atodiad 2 isod:

ATODIAD 2

Lleoliad Langlands Road, Y Barri rhwng ei chyffordd â Solent Road a Coldbrook Road

Rheswm Gweithfeydd gwella Rheolaeth Llifogydd Coldbrook.

Hyd O 8.00am dydd Mercher 27 Ebrill 2016 am gyfnod dim hirach na 18 mis. Rhagwella y bydd y gwaith wedi ei gyflawni erbyn 25 Mai 2016 (yn amodol ar y tywydd).

Ffordd Amgen Bydd gwyrdd traffig ar gael drwy ddilyn Coldbrook Road East, Dobbins Road, a'r rhan sy'n weddiol o Langlands Road fydd ar agor ac i'r gwrthwyneb.

NB: Bydd mynediad i gerddwyr bob amser.

Dyddiedig y 21 diwrnod hwn o fis Ebrill 2016.

M. E. Punter, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweledol a Thai, Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Depo'r Alpau Gwelfo CF5 6AA Gwelfo. CF5 6AA.



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (LANGLANDS ROAD, BARRY PART)) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2016

1. On 21st April 2016 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Langlands Road, Barry (Part)) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2016.

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location Langlands Road, Barry between its junction with Solent Road and Coldbrook Road

Reason To allow Coldbrook Flood Management improvement works to take place.

Duration From 8.00am on Wednesday 27th April 2016 for a maximum period of 18 Months. It is anticipated that the works will be concluded by 25th May 2016 (weather permitting).

Alt. Route Diversions for traffic will be available via Coldbrook Road East, Dobbins Road, and the remaining open section of Langlands Road and vice-versa.

NB: Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Dated this 21st day of April 2016.

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



CARDIFF'S ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SHOW PAYS TRIBUTE TO AUTHOR ROALD DAHL

THE Royal Horticultural Society show in Cardiff, April 15-17, was held in Bute Park with the castle providing a spectacular backdrop.

The children's author Roald Dahl was born at Llandaff in Cardiff in 1916, and the show celebrated the centenary of his birth.

GEM photographer Glyn Evans enjoyed a leisurely stroll around the special features and met some of the people who make the event So special – along with some of those taking part in competitions.

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

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Vale AM demands clarity on sharing of defibrillators



Jane Hutt, Vaughan Gething, Bryan Foley and Habana manager Richard Patterson.

ASSEMBLY Member Jane Hutt is demanding that Wales provides guidance or a change in the law over the sharing of heart defibrillators, following an incident in England where an organisation refused to share its defibrillator.

She has contacted Vaughan Gething, Deputy Minister for Health, to ask that Wales takes a lead in making it a clear policy that organisations are expected to release defibrillators to other organisations or individuals should the need arise.

The Health and Safety

Executive has stated there are no reasons why a defibrillator cannot be made available to another organisation.

She has also asked for clarity over whether an organisation could be accountable in the case of a death following a refusal to allow use of a defibrillator.

Ms Hutt, Vaughan Gething and Vale of Glamorgan

First Responder Bryan Foley visited Barry High Street bar Habana in February to promote defibrillator week. Habana has shared the use of its defibrillator twice recently.

EGOR (17) NEEDS ONGOING SUPPORT

THE trustees of the charity Leaves of Hope for Belarusian Children were delighted to read the article in The GEM (April 14) about our recent talk to Dinas Powys WI.

The article featured Egor, a young Belarusian boy with an incurable skin condition called ichthyosis.

GEM readers may be interested to know that Leaves of Hope found a foster home for Egor, enabling him to receive medical treatment for the first time.

Egor will soon be 18 and state support for his fostering will cease.

Egor will not be able to live independently and without support, his future could be bleak. His foster family is willing to keep him if Leaves of Hope can provide financial support.

Any of our readers who may have been moved by Egor's plight may be interested in supporting our crowd funding campaign at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/help-egor.

More about Egor's story and the work of Leaves of Hope can be found on our website www.leaves-of-hope.co.uk, on our Facebook page or by calling Val on 02920 253402. Ann Lock



Egor, aged eight.



Egor, aged 17.

Celebrate Queen's birthday and help a good cause

TODAY (Thursday, April 21), Her Majesty the Queen celebrates her 90th birthday. Her reign has been a fantastic achievement and as a charity we are so grateful for her tireless support.

If you're thinking about organising a party to celebrate her birthday, why don't you host a tea party for your friends and family and turn it into a fundraiser for an issue close to the Queen's heart?

She is known for her love of horses and everyone loves tea and cake, so why not combine the two and raise money for The Brooke with a High Tea

for Gee Gees party?

It is our aim to improve the welfare of working horses, donkeys and mules living in some of the most deprived communities all over the world, and support the people who depend on these animals for their livelihoods.

All you need to do is visit www.thebrooke.org to sign up.

We can send you posters, balloons, cupcake toppers and bunting. Basically, we'll do everything bar boiling the kettle and inviting your guests.

We'd love to see your celebrations, so please tweet us @thebrooke and use the hashtag #TweetYourTea.

Petra Ingram, Chief executive, The Brooke.

Fight heart disease at half marathon

MAKE your mark in the fight for every heartbeat and become a British Heart Foundation (BHF) Heart Runner by running half a marathon through Swansea.

Entries are now open for the JCP Swansea Half Marathon which is taking place on June 26.

The BHF relies on the generosity of its supporters, through fundraising events like the JCP Swansea half marathon, to pay for life-saving research. To support the nation's heart charity, save lives and improve your

own heart health, sign up to join the fight today: entry fees are £25 and Heart Runners are asked to raise a minimum of £300 (excluding Gift Aid).

Call the Heart Runners team to register on 0844 477 1181 or visit bhf.org.uk/get-involved/events/runs/edinburgh-half-marathon.

Alternatively, you can email the Heart Runners team on heartrunners@bhf.org.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Valeways walks

ON Tuesday, April 26 at 10am, Cwrydro y Bontfaen, Llyfrgell Y Bontfaen.

Also on April 26 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit Major coffee shop strollers meet at Llantwit Major Town Hall car park.

On Wednesday, April 27 at 10.30am, the Cosmeston coffee shop strollers meet at the Visitor Centre, Cosmeston Country Park.

On Thursday, April 28 at 9.30am, 'Around the World in 30 Stiles', a 7-8 mile walk, starting at the Six Bells in Penmark, CF62 3BP.

Parkinson's coffee morning

A COFFEE morning in aid of Parkinson's Cymru will be held in the All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on Saturday, April 23 from 10am until 12 noon. Entry £1, plenty of bargains for all. Come along and join us.



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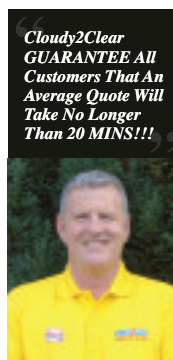
Cloudy2Clear Announce Trusted Trader Partnership

Consumer champions Which? have now joined the thousands of customers who recognise that Cloudy2Clear Windows really are a business that you can TRUST. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has received the coveted 'Which Trusted Trader' status after going through a rigorous accreditation process entirely focussed on customer service.

Group Managing Director Marcus McGee believes that Which? have endorsed Cloudy2Clear's long standing company

policy of delivering the highest standards possible at all times. 'Our service is simple. If your double glazing has misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Whilst a number of tradespeople perhaps don't focus on customer care as much as they should do, we make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. Locally Cloudy2Clear service Cardiff & surrounding areas and

Welsh business owner Phil Powell agrees that this approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated as both my customers and, obviously a body as nationally important as Which? now recognise.' So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give Phil a call for a free quotation on 0800 61 21 118 and he'll be happy to help!



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Beware the threat of the varroa mite

THINGS are definitely on the move now, lots of pollen is being brought in by the foragers.

The Oilseed Rape is in full bloom and the bees are taking full advantage whenever weather conditions allow.

How do I know this? Well, the pollen is bright yellow and the bees themselves are displaying much yellow colouring, particularly on their heads. This occurs when they probe deep into the flower pursuing the nectar on offer there.

As yet, I have not inspected the colonies in any depth. However, a look into the top box of each hive has allowed me to observe eggs, larvae and sealed brood.

NEWS FROM FONMON APIARY

What is sealed brood? It is larvae (grubs if you like) that are now going through the stage of metamorphosis and they will eventually release themselves from the sealed cell as fully formed bees.

All is looking favourable at present. The Queens are responding to the longer day lengths and the relatively warmer outlook by stepping up their egg laying. Each will be capable of laying some 1,000/2,000 eggs per day and the population that is now around 8,000 bees per colony should by the end of May number some 60,000.

However, the varroa

mite is a problem that must be addressed by the beekeeper.

Those who are contemplating taking up the craft of beekeeping must study the life cycle of this parasite, plus the methods used to control its development.

Rest assured if you do not address this parasite, it will most certainly address you, and a colony die-out can occur.

The very mild winter has not helped. It should be a period of little activity; the Queens should cease laying and in general, a cluster of bees (ball) is formed, whose purpose is to survive on the in-house stores until spring arrives.

Our very mild winter has seen the bees anything but settled – they have been out and about as if it was spring. The Queens have carried on laying and this has contributed to the mite population expanding because as the bees breed, so do the mites.

Because I have been monitoring mite numbers I am aware of an increase, so steps must now be introduced to control this expansion.

Will it ever end?

HAROLD WILLIAMS



Richie Walker and the candidates.

Glamorgan farmers put the spotlight on key rural issues

PROCUREMENT and renewable energy were at the top of the agenda when farmers from Glamorgan came together on Wednesday, April 6, to question election candidates ahead of the Welsh Assembly elections.

Attending the meeting were Huw Irranca-Davies (Labour), Glenda Jones (UKIP candidate for Ogmore by-election), Andrew RT Davies (Conservatives), Denis Campbell (Liberal Democrats) and Tim Thomas (Plaid Cymru).

The event was held at St Mary's Hotel, Bridgend, and was chaired by FFW Glamorgan County

chairman Richard Walker.

There was a strong call for the next Welsh Government to ensure that more Welsh produce is sourced for hospitals and schools.

FWW Glamorgan County Executive Officer Rachel Saunders said: "Our food produce is grown and reared to the highest welfare standards across Europe. It should be a priority that home-grown food is served at our dinner tables before imported food products fill our supermarket shelves."

"Welsh and UK produce should be available in our schools, hospitals, local authorities, leisure centres and nursing homes throughout the year. And it should be the first choice for supermarkets, restaurants and everyone else who has a role to play in the food chain."

"What we need, now more than ever, is a full commitment to local procurement. Our farmers have suffered enough from low farmgate prices over the years and they deserve to be fully supported by our home governments."

The call for local procurement is underpinned by the FFW election manifesto and reminds all government departments and public bodies that they have a duty to support government priorities in terms of boosting Wales' farming and food industry and sourcing local produce is definitely one of them.

Renewable energy as an option of diversification for farmers was also hotly debated on the night.

Following the meeting, Richard Walker, Glamorgan County Chairman for the FFW, said: "For hundreds of years, Wales' mining, arable and woollen industries relied on renewable energy in the form of water and wind power, and by the end of the industrial revolution in the mid-19th century, no hamlet, however small, was complete without some form of mill."

"The revolution in renewable energy, brought about by recognition of the need to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, has resulted in the development of new commercially viable

sources of renewable energy, such as solar panels, as well as improvements in the efficiency of wind and water power."

Despite Wales' being perfectly suited for some forms of renewable energy generation, the percentage of electricity generated in Wales from renewable stands at just 10 percent – five percent lower than the UK average, and the lowest of all the UK devolved regions.

While the Union remains neutral in terms of the divisive issue of large-scale wind farms as laid out in the FFW election manifesto, it supports the development of appropriate on-farm renewable energy sources and believes Wales has only scratched the surface in terms of the contribution Welsh farms can make to green energy production.

Mr Walker added: "The decision in 2015 by the UK Government's Department for Energy and Climate Change, which has responsibility for major national energy projects, to suddenly and drastically reduce support for renewables not only compromises our ability to help mitigate climate change, but has also led directly to farmers and others losing significant sums already invested in unfinished projects."

In light of this, the Union further called on the next Welsh Government to seek alternative and innovative ways in which funding can be provided in order to develop on-farm energy production and identify those barriers to on-farm energy production which fall within the remit of Welsh Government.

The Union also called on the next Welsh Government to reduce bureaucratic burdens which prevent or add to the financial and time burdens which prevent developments for on-farm energy production.

Other questions put to the candidates focused on how RDP money is spent in Wales, what business rate relief schemes each party would propose to introduce and members stressed the fact that more support was needed for young farmers in Wales.

2017 Sri Lanka Trek for Cardiff and Vale Marie Curie Hospice

WANT to do something special for a cause close to your heart?

The Marie Curie Charity Trek in Sri Lanka is the perfect opportunity to explore somewhere new at the same time as raising money for this superb charity for people living with any terminal illness, and their families.

A spokeswoman said: "Sri Lanka is a tiny country packed full of natural wonders. This ten-day trip in November 2017 has five days of trekking with the most breathtaking views imaginable."

"We will take you to the most stunning highlights of this incredible country through beautiful jungle, forest trails, small villages and ancient cities."

"The group of 30-40 will include people of all ages and backgrounds, either on their own or with friends and relatives."

"Trekking for your local Marie Curie hospice in Cardiff and The Vale will help us to continue providing care and quality of life for

people with terminal illnesses and vital support for their families.

"Last year our dedicated doctors and nurses cared for 868 patients at a cost of over £3.3 million. This would not be possible without the support of our trekkers."

The trek runs from Thursday, November 16 to November 25, 2017.

"Included are return flights to Colombo, local transfers, accommodation, luggage transfers while trekking and all meals, except in your free time."

"We also provide a trek leader and doctor as well as training guides and tips to get you ready for the big challenge."

The trek is graded challenging and is designed to suit people who are fit and have trained to take part. You must be at least 18 years old to register. There is a £250 registration fee and you will need to raise £3,500 minimum sponsorship.

For more information and the full itinerary, look online, phone 0845 052 4184 or email events@mariecurie.org.uk

New group will look at Parkinson's research

THIS week, April 18-24, is Parkinson's Awareness Week and members want to highlight an exciting local development – the Parkinson's Research Interest Group.

Parkinson's is a complex condition, resulting in a range of symptoms, including physical ones, such as reduced mobility, as well as psychological ones such as anxiety. Diagnosis can be difficult, as there is no conclusive test for Parkinson's.

There is no cure, but a variety of treatments can help, including drugs, physiotherapy and exercise, and psychological therapies.

The Research Interest Group currently consists of a small group of people, including researchers, those affected by Parkinson's, and family members, who meet at Cardiff University.

This is one of a number being set up around the UK by

Parkinson's UK, which is committed as a charity to drive better care, treatments, and quality of life for those affected.

Cutting edge research is taking place at Cardiff University, including exploring better drug treatments and how stem cells can give us a better understanding of the condition.

The Research Interest Group is an opportunity for researchers to get together with the potential beneficiaries of research, to support each other, and to help shape the direction and impact of future research programmes.

For more information, contact Rachel Williams, campaigns, policy and communications officer Wales, Parkinson's UK, telephone 0344 225 3 7 1 5, email: rwilliams@parkinsons.org.uk

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Colleagues censured councillor after 'family links' question

PHIL CLARKE was a councillor who dared to be different and he will be missed by many.

He had his own approach to council meetings and whether you agreed or disagreed with his politics or style, he certainly raised issues and asked questions which were rarely being asked.

His starting position was from the tax payer's perspective rather than the interests of himself, a political party, or the council.

GEM readers will recall that he questioned discretionary redundancy payments and was a lone voice at council meetings when it came to merging with another council to reduce costs.

He was also concerned about the number of family links between councillors in local government and he knew he would be criticised and condemned if he raised the matter.

Just two days before the tragic accident, he was called to a hearing under the council's local dispute resolution procedure because some councillors had complained about a question he had asked the Vale Council Leader at the December 16, 2015 council meeting.

One of the functions of scrutiny is to hold the

OSBORNE'S IMMIGRATION CALCULATIONS

MR Osborne foresees 3 million net immigration by 2030. On current form that is about 6 million gross, 10 per cent of the current population.

His plan seems to be to increase the tax base and tax take.

He is effectively selling the British countryside for housing in order to pay off the national debt.

R Bradshaw,
Cowbridge.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D927.

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

cabinet to account and Phil had asked whether the system was robust with a relation of a cabinet member chairing a scrutiny committee.

Readers can view the official detail at council minute 690 (viii).

He was 'censured' at the council's confidential process for asking the question but it was his intention to publicise the matter when he was in receipt of the notes from the hearing.

Dennis Harkus,
FocusBARRY member.

Have you made your will yet?

EVERY adult in the UK should consider making a Will, and here are some of the reasons why:

• Without a Will, the state directs who inherits your estate, so the people you wish to benefit may get nothing.

• Without a Will, if you are married, you may think that your estate will pass to your spouse in any event, but this is not necessarily the case.

• If you are not married to your partner, the law does not automatically recognise partners as having the same rights as husbands, wives and civil partners, and your partner may get nothing.

• If you have children, there may be uncertainty about who will look after or provide for them, should you die.

• Certain people could make a claim on your estate if you have no Will, because they may depend upon you financially.

• Inheritance tax issues may arise if not addressed in your Will.

Wills should be kept up to date and renewed upon any change of circumstances; for example, marriage, divorce, separation, death of a loved one, or upon having a child.

Excluding certain beneficiaries in your Will may also cause potential difficulties as they may have the right to make a claim against your estate. Special care is needed if you exclude persons who might expect to benefit under your Will.

Ensure that you have a Will in place and that it is up to date to avoid any undesired consequences and complications.

Carli Evans is a solicitor with Messrs Passmores Solicitors and a member of Solicitors for the Elderly, a specialist panel of solicitors dealing with elderly client matters and the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.



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U3A learns about the composer with two lives

THOSE of a certain age will probably remember two children's TV series of the 1950s and 60s, *The Lone Ranger* and *The Adventures of William Tell*.

What they may not know is the connection with the Italian composer Gioachino Rossini.

Both programmes had the same theme music, taken from Rossini's 'William Tell Overture',

albeit the Swiss hero's show had lyrics to accompany the tune.

Cowbridge U3A recently welcomed Rev Clive Williams from near Clydach, Swansea, who gave a talk on the life of Rossini.

This was not the usual presentation, illustrated with a slide show, as this time the audience was treated to examples of the composer's works played on piano by our guest speaker, a qualified organist (a useful skill for a clergyman).

Rossini was born in 1792 in Pesaro, Italy, the son of musical parents; his father was a talented trumpeter and his mother a singer.

By the age of six, the boy was playing triangle in his father's band.

By 12, he could sing as well as play the horn and the harpsichord. A year or two later, Rossini wrote the first of his 39 (some say 40) operas.

His first works were comic operas, but his first serious one, 'Tancredi', was a huge success.

By the age of 20, the composer was catapulted to international fame and he became the idol of the Italian opera public.

By the age of 23, he had written 20 operas. His most famous work, 'The Barber of Seville', was written in 1816 in Rome.

Much is made of how quickly this opera was written, scholars generally agreeing upon two or three weeks.

Later in life, Rossini claimed to have written the opera in only 12 days.

In 1822, Rossini, the 'Italian Mozart', married the renowned opera singer Isabella Colbran; he was 30, she 37. They were the Beckhams of their day.

In the same year, he moved to Vienna, where his operas were the rage of the audiences.

Rossini is quoted as joking: "Give me the bill from a laundress and I will even set that to music."

The composer was known for working in bed, wearing his

dressing gown. A friend reading some of Rossini's music noted that two pages were the same; apparently, Rossini had dropped a sheet of paper and found it easier to write the score again rather than get out of bed to retrieve the original!

Later, during his Paris years, Rossini created the comic opera 'William Tell', which, surprisingly, brought his career as a writer of opera to a close in 1829, aged only 38.

The death of his mother may have hastened the end of his creative period. He wrote 'Stabat Mater' (the title comes from the first line of a 13th century Catholic hymn 'Stabat Mater Dolorosa', which means 'the sorrowful mother stood') between 1832 and 1841, but thence until his death from pneumonia in 1868 there was comparative silence.

Rossini almost had two lives—one of swift triumph and the other a long seclusion.

He settled permanently in Paris in 1855, where he hosted many artistic and literary figures in his apartment.

Rossini, a lover of all good things, had been an excellent amateur chef his entire life and he indulged this passion fully once he retired from composing.

Today there are a number of dishes with the appendage 'alla Rossini' to their names that were created either by or specifically for him.

The world famous opera soprano Adelina Patti of Craig-y-Nos Castle in Powys (where she had an opera house built, now Grade I listed), an admirer of Rossini's work, requested that she be buried in the same cemetery in Paris as the great composer.

By the time of her death in 1919, however, his remains had been moved to Florence in 1887, at the request of the Italian government.

Rossini had predicted

that 'The Barber of Seville' and the second act of 'William Tell' would certainly find favour with posterity: how right he was.

Next Meeting: a talk entitled: 'HM Customs', by Cameron Addicot, at 2pm on Wednesday, May 11th Cowbridge Town Hall. Visitors welcome; there is a small fee, which includes refreshments. www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge

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Christians Against Poverty help fight debt problems

SINGLE mother of two, Bonny, took a leap of faith recently when she did a sponsored Sky Dive to raise funds and awareness for Christians Against Poverty (CAP).

CAP is an organisation passionate about releasing people from a life sentence of debt, poverty and their causes.

Pat, a close friend of Bonny's, fell into debt after a series of close family deaths, which led to her suffering from acute depression.

Unable to work, she took out loans to help pay her rent and council tax but soon became overwhelmed by suffocating debt, which led to a downward spiral of sleepless nights worrying about how to provide for her

children.

During a visit to a local life centre, she picked up a CAP leaflet and, in desperation, rang the 0800 number for help.

Within two days she was visited by CAP advisors and from then on, she hasn't looked back. Their advice, encouragement and support were with her all the way and within six months Pat became debt free.

She now looks forward to a future with her family and she is on a training programme with a guaranteed job on completion of the course.

Pat is now really passionate about telling everyone how her life has changed since she took that first step and made contact with CAP.

If you are struggling with debt and would like free help and advice to become debt free, call Christians Against Poverty on 0800 3280006

PACT meetings

COURT PACT at the Witchill Community Hall, Dyfan Road, Barry, on Thursday, April 28 at 6.30pm.

GIBBONSDOWN drop-in – meet the neighbourhood team at Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close, Barry, every Monday between 10am-12 noon.

DINAS POWYS PACT at Youlden House, Fair Oaks, Dinas Powys, on Thursday, April 28 at 7pm.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE SWIFTS GONE?

by Alan Rosney

SWIFTS should be winking their way back from Africa over the next few weeks.

The scream of Swifts overhead is one of the sounds of the British summer. There is bad news, however.

Swift numbers have halved over the last 30 years. They are now amber listed.

If current trends continue, we could lose the Swift as a breeding bird in the next 20-30 years.

Swifts are remarkable birds. They are one of our fastest flying birds, catching insects in the air.

Indeed, they spend

most of their life in the air, even sleeping and mating on the wing.

The only time they land is when entering their nest sites. The nests are almost exclusively in older buildings.

However, with building renovation, many roof spaces have been blocked up, meaning the Swifts have fewer opportunities to breed.

They return to the same nest site each year, nesting in loose colonies.

The nests are made from feathers, paper, straw etc., glued together with saliva. Unlike

House Martins, Swifts make no mess. In fact most people don't even realise that they've got Swifts nesting in their property.

The Glamorgan Bird Club and the Local Swift Network are working together to try and help arrest the decline in numbers. Nest box schemes are planned, alongside existing colonies.

Do you have Swifts nesting in your neighbourhood? If so, please let Glamorgan Bird Club know. See our website at

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Rhose WI's bead making workshop

RHOOSE WI enjoyed a bead-making workshop at their April 7 meeting.

This was run by Ruth Tugwell and her sister Jan, who make beautiful jewellery from paper, which they form into beads using glue, and hardening and glazing techniques.

The finished jewellery is then sold to raise funds for Alzheimer's sufferers.

Members enthusiastically tried the process and everyone made a pretty bracelet during the course of the evening.

Afterwards, a collection was made and the proceeds were given to Ruth and Jan for their charity.

Thanking the sisters on behalf of the members, Sue Hamer said how much everyone had enjoyed the evening and how interesting it was to learn a new skill.

During other business, the president reminded members that Rhose is hosting the Heritage Link evening this month.

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RHOOSE WI NEWS

when 'Clocs Canton' will entertain Rhose and fellow members from the Link; this will be followed by a buffet.

Also, the spring fayre will be held on April 23 at 10am at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, and members were asked to provide items for the tombola, plant and cake stalls.

There will also be some independent craft stalls.

Members of the public will be very welcome to attend the fayre. Admission will be £2 to include tea or

coffee and biscuits.

The next meeting of Rhose WI will be the annual meeting which is at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Stewart Road, on May 12.

Please note this will be held a week later than usual due to the Assembly Election on May 5. Visitors will be very welcome to attend.

The president also announced a visit to the Royal Mint which will take place on June 22 at a cost of £11 per member. The evening closed with the announcement of the competition winner, June Pallister, and the raffle winner Pam Jupp.

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Book events in Penarth

GRIFFIN Books in Penarth has two special events coming up.

April 23 marks the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, and along with bookshops all over the UK the shop will be commemorating the occasion with a day of Bard-themed fun.

There will be live performances of Shakespeare throughout the day, plus quizzes, and competitions

refreshments. Entry is free, and all are welcome.

On Thursday, April 28 the shop will welcome guest author Cal Bartley as part of its regular late night shopping evening. Penarth resident Cal will be reading from and signing copies of her recently published novel *Strong Undercurrents* from 7pm. Admission is free, and complimentary refreshments will be available.

LIMITED edition prints and paintings by renowned Welsh artists such as Sir Kyffin Williams and Mike Jones along with mini breaks to just some of the 62 lots due to go under the hammer in a fundraising auction at Llandaff Cathedral.

Television presenter Arfon Haines Davies will act as auctioneer for the evening which is to be held this Friday, April 22, at Prebendal House, Llandaff Cathedral.

In addition to the limited edition Sir Kyffin Williams print and Mike Jones oil painting, works from many other Welsh artists such as Wilf Roberts, Jane Correllis, David Jenner, David Griffiths and Mary Traynor, are included in the 'Promise Auction'.

Other lots which will go to the highest bidder are tickets to see the show Billy Elliot at the Wales Millennium Stadium; Glamorgan County Cricket club tickets; and first class rail tickets to London.

There are cases of wine, champagne and spirits up for grabs; home cooked supper parties; a home baked cake every month for six months; an organ playing lesson; a dance lesson, and even an afternoon with a bee keeper!

Viewing for the auction this Friday, April 22, is open from 6.30pm with proceedings getting under way at 7.30pm. It is being staged by the cathedral's social committee and all proceeds will go towards cathedral funds.

To obtain a catalogue, call the cathedral office on 029 2056 4554 (10am to 1pm) or email office@llandaffcathedral.org.uk.

History society

THE Rhose and District History Society will have a talk by Margaret Jenkins on 'Food in the Second World War' on Friday, April 29 at 7.30pm in the rear hall of Rhose Community Centre, Stewart Road.

Tickets (at the door) £1 adults, 50p per child under 16.

St Andrews Golf Club in fundraiser for Marie Curie



Gerard McGrath presents a cheque to Georgina Burke, community fundraiser for Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth.

ST ANDREWS Major Golf Club caterers, Wendy and Gerard McGrath, would like to thank everyone who supported their first and very successful Marie Curie charity breakfast morning.

Gerard said: "We were truly overwhelmed with the support and kindness members, guests and visitors from all parts of

Wales who attended on the day. They helped to raise the sum of £405 for a great charity, close to many of our hearts.

"We are thrilled to be running another charity event, the 'Blooming Great Tea Party' on Monday, June 20, and will again raise funds that will help Marie Curie provide expert free care, guidance and support to help people living with a terminal illness get the most from the time they have left."



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Scam targets new businesses
MY new dog walking business based in South Glamorgan came live on the business directory yell.com week commencing April 11.

As a consequence of this, I received a call from a person I understood at the time to be the police, claiming involvement with the 'Policing Portal', an organisation that produces a supposed online magazine for retired and serving police officers.

The individual delivered a pitch along the lines that my dog walking service had been chosen to be advertised by the police as they support local businesses to highlight services to their personnel who, due to their shift work, could have difficulty walking their family pets. It was all very convincing.

Once they have your interest, a second person calls to seal the deal in selling advertising space to the tune of £150 and requires an immediate payment.

If you do not agree, the original caller calls back and uses bullying tactics to pressurise you into agreeing to buy the so-called 'advertisement'.

These calls are being made from a private number so they cannot be traced.

I was also contacted by 'South Glamorgan Fire Service' and I promptly cancelled the call.

I was not aware of this scam targeting businesses in their first days of operation and it is important to raise awareness that this is a real threat to new local start-up businesses. Jenny Clayton.



The old railway line, Heol Lathog.



The Ridgeway Walk.

THESE images were captured by Sue Dobbs who said: "The Ridgeway walk was stunning last weekend and it was lovely to see the sheep enjoying the spring sunshine."

Free CPR training
WELSH HEARTS, the Heart Charity for Wales, is holding a free CPR and defibrillator training session at Penarth Pier Pavillion today, Thursday, April 21 from 2pm to 4pm.

The course aims to train people in vital life-saving skills to deal with emergencies. Children over 10 years are welcome to attend with their parents.

For more information, contact Welsh Hearts on 02920 647735 or email fundraising@welshheart.s.org.

Rendezvous Club

A VILLAGE coffee morning will be held at Ystradowen village hall on Monday, April 25 at 11am, coffee and biscuits £1 - this is a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours - all welcome.

More financial openness, please

IT'S good to see some politicians releasing some details of their financial interests.

Local government councillors on council cabinets or planning committees would be another move in the right direction.

Dennis Harkus, FocusBARRY member.

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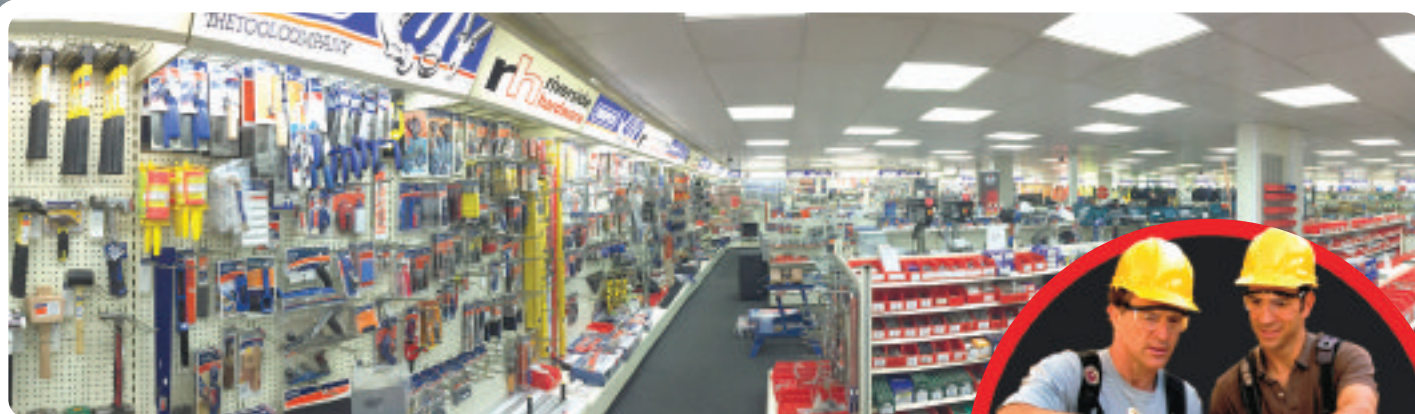
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There were 40 competitors from all around Wales. The event took place at the Princess Royal Hotel in Port Talbot this year.

Sophie Bell, 18, from Swansea was first runner up and Victoria Grinnall, 21, from Newport was second runner up.

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JON FAVREAU'S TAKE ON THE JUNGLE BOOK IS A VISUAL FEAST!

WITH Disney's desire to make everything that was once animated live-action, it seems fairly obvious given the way CGI effects have progressed that *The Jungle Book* should be top of the list to bring into the 21st century, and director Jon Favreau has done that.

Still titled *The Jungle Book*, it follows the plot of the original; Mowgli (Neel Sethi) is an orphan boy raised in the jungle, but when he is threatened by the deadly Shere Khan (voiced by Idris Elba), he comes under the wing of Baloo (voiced by Bill Murray) and Bagheera (voiced by Ben Kingsley); but they soon discover that Khan is just one of their worries, with snake Kaa (voiced by Scarlett

Johansson) and ape King Louis (voiced by Christopher Walken) also taking an interest in Mowgli...

Disney's last two forays into making animation a reality have been a mixed bag – *Maleficent*, the Sleeping Beauty story told from the point of view of that film's villain, was a commercial, if not critical, success, while Kenneth Branagh's *Cinderella* was slavish in its deference to the animated original.

The Jungle Book is a film that follows its hand-drawn original's footprints (or should that be paw-prints?), but also offers something exciting in terms of its visual dynamism that makes it a thoroughly satisfying and enjoyable slice of escapism.

Director Jon Favreau has shown he is a dab hand at carving out blockbusters with a degree of depth in the likes of *Iron Man*, and he shows a wonderful sense of scale here, the jungle setting brought to life in a vivid blast of



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colour.

The film was shot in a similar way to *Avatar* (all green screens, the only physical presence on set being Neel Sethi's Mowgli) yet is evidence of how technology is advancing all the time – there are very few moments where you feel that what is taking place isn't tangible and real, from the trees and canopies of the jungle to the many creatures that inhabit it.

Seeing the likes of Bagheera, Baloo and Shere Khan made real is something quite impressive, and you'll feel that these aren't pixels generated by a computer but living, breathing animals – that Favreau gets them to talk convincingly is proof, if any were needed, that we've

come a long way since *Babe*!

Yet while Favreau is happy to pay more than lip service to the original ('Bare Necessities' and 'I Wanna Be Like You' are present and correct), he also adds more than a hint of danger and darkness to proceedings, amping up the threat and danger that Mowgli is in and adding a sinister twist.

Seeing this King Louie in action leaves a far darker memory than the animated version, as does Mowgli's interaction with Kaa, and the film is the better for it.

As the only actor on display in his normal state, much hangs on the shoulders of young Sethi, and he offers a performance that is enjoyable and pleasing, yet one that sometimes doesn't truly grab you; it's a good turn but one that hits the odd bum note here and there.

Much of the film's delight is in the vocal cast, with Bill Murray, unsurprisingly, the stand-out as Baloo, his lazy delivery and humorous touches bringing the character to life incredibly well, while Ben Kingsley offers a stiff upper lip and sense of protectiveness in Bagheera.

Christopher Walken's King Louie is a dark delight, the character more of a mob boss than an ape with a desire for the human

touch, but Scarlett Johansson's Kaa is little more than seduction and Idris Elba's Shere Khan veers from cockney hard-man to pantomime villain, and is all the more unconvincing for it.

What the film does lack is any great deal of surprise. While Favreau occasionally deviates away from the original Disney template, there's nothing to really takes you anywhere that the original didn't. It seems churlish to criticise what is essentially a remake for not doing something different, but for the incredible visual invention on display it would have been interesting to see something different.

However, *The Jungle Book* retains the spirit and delight of the original, and mixed in with a healthy dose of dark and sinister tension, makes for a hugely watchable film.

VERDICT: A triumphant take on one of Disney's most beloved animations, *The Jungle Book* is a visually sumptuous film, directed with zeal by Jon Favreau. Breaking new ground in computer animation, the film is more than just a technological success; in its performances and ability to darken the edges of the story, there is plenty to savour. **Recommended.**

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Jungle Book* (1967), *Avatar* (2009).



Cancer Research Wales offers a Coffee Cove invite

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A spokeswoman said: "To mark its anniversary year, Cancer Research Wales is hosting a series of science cafes across Wales and invites you to meet and join the team at the Coffee Cove, Barry Island on Wednesday, April 27 between 7pm to 9pm, for an fascinating night

of science and discovery.

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There will be lots going on over the course of the day, including specialist nurseries selling orchids, orchid displays, botanical artist Polly O'Leary will be demonstrating with watercolours and the Friends of Penllegh will have a historic display about the collection of John

Dillwyn Llewelyn. There will also be a demonstration area for visitors to ask orchid-related questions, and books for sale on gardening.

Learn from the experts with our three speakers: Roy Bailey Wood on Native Welsh Orchids – 12pm till 12.30pm; Sarah from Burnham Nursery on Tropical Orchids – 2.30pm till 3pm;

Chris Flynn on Dyffryn's Orchids – 3.30pm till 4pm. The event will run between 10am and 6pm with last entry at 5pm, so you will have plenty of time to discover the orchid events as well as the beautiful gardens at Dyffryn.

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'EMPTY HOUSES AND COUNCIL TAX'

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Now I have to find the money for council tax too.

Surely this is not right? I think our MPs should look into this. It's another reason for would-be renovators to be put off.

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Tynewydd FC earn three points against Belgrade

IN their first meeting of the season Tynewydd FC came away with all three points against pre-season title favourites Barry Belgrade.

Belgrade started the better of the two sides, quickly knocking the ball around between the lines but failing to create any chances of note in the final third.

By the midpoint of the half Tynewydd had managed to find parity in the game while also failing to take advantage

of numerous free kicks and the half petered out at 0-0.

A reshuffle of positions saw Tynewydd start the quicker in the second half and create a few half-chances themselves.

Belgrade were unlucky not to take the lead themselves when, inexplicably, Tynewydd allowed the opposition centre-half to stride through the middle of park, and his shot was just tipped onto the post by goalkeeper Jodie Shepherd.

Belgrade grew frustrated as

Tynewydd's dogged determination and accurate offside trap limited them to long distance efforts.

Tynewydd's work rate was rewarded in the 80th minute when a long clearance was pounced upon by Ross Smith who caught the keeper off his line with a dipping left volley from all of 25 yards out to make it 1-0.

Tynewydd saw the remainder of the game out and their all-round hard work as a team was rewarded with the win, although they know they'll have to give at

least that and more in the return fixture in a few weeks.

Man of the match went to James Clissett, who just pipped centre-back partner Ozzy to the award, for his control of the back line and his part in keeping another clean sheet for Tynewydd.

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Bridge results

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LINDA JONES has opened a new branch of her pharmacy at the new Murch Medical Centre in Dinas Powys with state of art facilities including consulting and treatment rooms and a robot to manage the medicines – the first of its kind in the Vale.

Vale AM Jane Hutt donned her 'Support Your Local Pharmacy' tee shirt to cut a celebratory cake with Linda and her team in the recently opened pharmacy and wished them well with their new service for local people.



Jane Hutt with Linda Jones.

Ben donates Welsh shirt to college

BEN Thomas, an A Level student at Cardiff and Vale College, who has played seven times for the Welsh under-16s and under-18s rugby teams, has donated his shirt to the college's Rugby Academy to inspire other players.

He donated his number 12 shirt to CAVC Director of Rugby Martyn Fowler, who said: "We're extremely honoured for Ben to present his shirt to the College."

"Ben has set the benchmark for the rest of the boys and when they see this shirt every time they walk past it will be an inspiration for them to make the best of their game."

Ben will play his first full season for the under-18s Welsh rugby team next year, having qualified a year early.

"It's a very proud feeling to play for Wales," Ben said. "It's a bit nerve-wracking but it's nice to be part of the team."

Ben is part of the college's Rugby Academy team. The Academy is designed to provide a perfect platform for students who have an interest in performance and elite level rugby.

The Academy places a strong emphasis on balancing sporting performance with educational achievement.

"I would like to on go to become a professional rugby player," Ben said.

"The Cardiff and Vale College rugby Academy has really helped me with that – having all the facilities in the campus makes it really easy to develop physically and the support is great."

Call for prayer in fight for steel

A CALL for prayer has been issued as churches in Port Talbot rally together to hold a joint service of support to show solidarity to the community as it faces the steelworks' crisis.

Called 'Fighting for Steel', the service will be held at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Port Talbot, this Sunday, April 24, at 3pm. All are welcome to attend and show their support to the Tata steelworkers and their families.

Wolves shine against Athletic

AFTER the disappointment of letting a 4-2 scoreline slip against BTUFC – that game ending in a draw – Dinas Powys Wolves under-13s showed a touch of class this Saturday against Barry Athletic.

Returning to the spiritual home of the Wolves at Pencoedre, they turned on the style and goals came thick and fast from Hewitson and Saunders.

Dinas ensured they used the pitch and were able to spread the play, switching flanks with ease.

The visitors managed to score a lot of very good team goals with the following players getting on the scoresheet – Harrison Kelly, Kian Quest, Jacob Moss, Kyle Booker, Zac Fifield and Callum Hewitson.

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Local airport's 'autism champions' on hand 24/7

FOLLOWING intensive training by the charity Autism Puzzles, a group of Cardiff Airport staff are now recognised as 'Autism Champions'.

The 'airport champions' understand the challenges faced by those living with autism and related conditions and their families, especially when travelling, and are now equipped to offer support in a number of ways.

The 'champions' are based at the PRM desk within departures and are on hand 24 hours a day to ensure a smooth and stress-free passenger experience.

Cardiff-based charity Autism Puzzles has been a constant source of guidance and information for Cardiff Airport. They hosted an open day on the first floor of the main airport terminal recently to promote Autism Awareness Month, to celebrate Cardiff Airport's achievements and to offer advice to staff and passengers regarding the condition.

Debra Barber,

managing director and chief operating officer at Cardiff Airport, said: "I am very proud of our new autism champions. The PRM team demonstrate the highest standards of customer service and work hard to help passengers with additional needs or reduced mobility on a daily basis."

"We appreciate that some aspects of the airport experience can be daunting for those living with autism and related conditions, so we are dedicated to continuing our partnership with Autism Puzzles and delivering the highest levels of customer service."

ZUMBA IN KENFIG

ZUMBA classes are held at KPC every Tuesday at KPC from 9am – 10am; free, but a donation is appreciated.

It takes place at KPC, Pyle Youth and Community off Pyle Inn Way, Pyle in Bridgend.

For further information call 01656 749219 or 745399, email kpcyouth@hotmail.com.

Hunt racing fans are ready for the Dunraven Bowl!

HUNT racing fans from the Vale will be flocking to Chepstow Racecourse tomorrow (April 22) for the Dunraven Bowl Novices' Hunter Chase which is the highlight of the year for many Welsh point-to-point enthusiasts.

David Brace, the sponsor, has yet to win this race which was first held 20 years ago. His *Bob The Butcher*, a seven-year-old bay gelding, has winning form this season.

The initial race in 1996 was won by Mr and Mrs Goldsworthy's mare *Miss Mill Brook* which gave Llancarfan's Evan Williams, now a leading National Hunt trainer, the first of his three winning rides, the others being *Cherry Gold* in 2003 and 2004.

Cherry Gold won again in 2005 but this time Jason Cook was in the saddle.

One would need to write a book to highlight all the previous winners, but mention must be made of Pip Jones and Fiona Wilson, as they are the only females who can claim to have won this prestigious hunter chase.

Pip was successful in 1997 on *Final Pride* and Fiona scored a shock win on rank outsider *Saffron Moss* in 1998.

Dai Jones, who rode more than 200 winners between the-

flags, won aboard *Mr Dow Jones*, a Chepstow and Hereford course specialist, in 1999.

After *No Fiddling* had won in 2000 with Ogmores' Christian Williams in the saddle, the 2001 and 2002 races were abandoned owing to the course being waterlogged.

The prolific *Cannon Bridge* was successful in 2006 and Welsh champion point-to-point rider Rhys Hughes won on *Kilbreena* in 2007 and *Bob Bites Back* in 2009.

Master Charm, given a cracking ride by Llanharon's Tom David, beat the game *Minsgill Mans* in 2010, and the following year, Eric Clough's *Parthian Prince*, partnered by Paul Tolman, was later awarded the race after *Bob's Law*, which had finished first past the post, was subsequently disqualified by the BHA Disciplinary Panel after he had 'mysteriously' tested positive for a prohibited substance.

Sadly, *Rosies Peacock*, one of the fancied horses for the race, reared over and injured his rider John Mathias on the way to the start and was withdrawn.

Owned, trained and bred by David Llewellyn, brother of Grand National winning jockey Carl Llewellyn, *Rosies Peacock*, who at the time of writing has won 32 races, was denied another chance of winning in 2012 when the meeting was

abandoned.

In 2013, when the race was won by 25-1 chance *Hawkeye Native*, *Rosies Peacock* was soon struggling and was pulled up.

2014 saw reigning Welsh champion point-to-point rider John Mathias score an easy win on Lee Power's *Gale Force Oscar* and last year in 2015, John scored an even easier win when the 11-year-old *Desertmore View*, in command throughout, was eased on the flat after jumping the last to win by two lengths from *Kimora*.

The unlucky horse of the race appeared to be *Patricktom Boru* which seemed to have every chance when blundering three fences from home and unseating his rider.

Patricktom Boru went on to win over hurdles and fences later in the year.

One rider who has hopes of winning the race for the second time is Tom David, who will be aboard Mrs Carmen Goldsworthy's *Captain Camelot*, who finished six lengths ahead of *Shanks A Lot* when winning the restricted race at the South Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-To-Point on Easter Monday.

BRIAN LEE

Prestigious awards for Aqua Spas & Pools



Dave and Natalie of Aqua Spas & Pools.

AQUA SPAS & POOLS is a family-run business located near Barry and it recently picked up two prestigious awards.

The first was 'Platinum Outstanding Dealer of the Year' for Coast hot tubs in, Vancouver, Canada, and it also won a UK gold award for '2015 Best Residential Outdoor Pool Refurbishment' at the recent UK Pool & Spa awards ceremony in the NEC, Birmingham.

Managing director Julian is overwhelmed, with the hard working team and the great effort they've put into the company's busiest year on record.

He said: "Now entering our twelfth

year, we now have over 1,200 hot tubs installed in the Welsh region.

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Karate students learn from Sensei Dave!



Paul Watson (centre), with Karate Wales Directors and Sensei Dave Hazard, being awarded 7th Dan.

Glamorgan great Alan Jones is appointed County's new president

GLAMORGAN could not have made a popular choice when they appointed Alan Jones, a true legend of the county, as club president at the recent Annual General Meeting.

The club has rightly been admonished in the past for ignoring Jones and Don Shepherd's credentials for president, two players who scored more runs and took more wickets than anyone else who did not play for England.

This year though, chief executive Hugh Morris recognised from personal experience what Jones has achieved for the club since making his debut in 1957.

He scored over 36,000 first class runs at an average of 33 - rather an ordinary average by today's standards, but not when considering the years he played on uncovered pitches, without a helmet and other protection, and against some of England's greatest fast bowlers.

Among his numerous outstanding performances was an innings of 161 not out against the 1961 West Indies team, which included the fiery Wes Hall, while his consistency is highlighted by the astonishing feat of passing 1,000 runs for 23 consecutive

by EDWARD BEVAN

seasons.

His achievements certainly warranted Test honours, and in 1970 he was selected for England against the Rest of the World team.

He was unfortunately dismissed cheaply in both innings, but unlike other county openers, who were given further chances, he was dropped and never considered again.

This decision reflected badly on the England hierarchy, but worse was to follow when the series was not considered worthy of Test status - this despite England losing the series 4-1, while the opposition including some of the world's greatest players, namely Garfield Sobers, Mike Procter and Graham Pollock.

Consequently, Jones' England blazer, sweater and cap were never worn again.

He returned to Glamorgan, the runs continued to flow, and in 1977 he was chosen as one of Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Year.

He retired in 1983, before returning as Glamorgan's coach and as a mentor to countless young Welsh cricketers. Robert Croft, who was appointed the

club's head coach this year said: "I am very proud to be head coach while Alan is president. His wisdom is something I will be tapping into along the way."

No one has worked as hard as Jones to succeed at the game he loves. When asked to attend the Glamorgan winter nets at an early age, he would regularly walk long distances from his home in the small village of Velindre to catch a bus to Neath and return late at night.

His dedication was an inspiration to his brother Eifion, one of Alan's 11 brothers and sisters, who followed him into the Glamorgan team and remained there for 23 years as a renowned wicketkeeper/batsman.

How fitting that Morris and Croft, two of Jones' disciples, are at the helm these days, and nothing would delight him more than the continued success of his beloved Glamorgan.

Steve James, another outstanding Glamorgan opener, sums up perfectly the respect everyone has for him: "I spent hours with him at the nets, practising first and then talking to him. I would listen entranced. He is one of the nicest men you could ever meet. I always wanted to be Alan Jones the man - as I did Alan Jones the batsman."

Bright future for cricket club

WHEN Hugh Morris arrived at Glamorgan two and a half years ago, the club's finances were in a parlous state, and a rumour that the club was close to insolvency was not merely idle gossip, but a reality, writes EDWARD BEVAN.

However, Glamorgan announced a £520k profit, their debt had been substantially reduced and a bright future beckons.

Morris has supervised the recovery with the same efficiency that characterised his work as managing director at the ECB, and as he also combines his role with that of director of cricket, he is well aware that the county have made little impact in the county championship or the one day competitions.

He has already made some useful signings during the winter, and both Morris and Robert Croft, the new coach, are optimistic.

Croft is as passionate in his new role as he was in his 24-year playing career, and has asked his players to be "ambitious" for themselves and the

Flint rules!

BRIDGEND trainer John Flint landed the Mares Handicap Hurdle at Newton Abbot on Monday with seven-year-old Ayla's Emperor which came home three lengths ahead of The Missus.

BRIAN LEE

MEMBERS of the Llantwit Major & St Athan Shotokan Karate Club were once again privileged to train with the world respected Sensei Dave Hazard, 7th Dan.

On April 2/3, the club's association, the Welsh Karate Union (WKU) hosted an open weekend seminar with Sensei Dave, who was there at the beginning of karate in the UK, training under Keinosuke Enoda, 8th Dan (posthumously awarded 9th dan), from 1969.

In the years since, he has continued to evolve his practice and understanding of karate to an almost unparalleled level through theoretical, scientific and technical study of areas such as karate's historical development and biomechanics.

We had many experienced students enjoying Dave Hazard's visit, having trained with him on many occasions, but also several relatively new practitioners who leapt on the opportunity to learn from him.

Particular praise goes to Danielle Sadler and Ashton Grey who have only been training six and four months respectively, and yet dived in head first! Also to Luke Tobby, who returned to karate last year and who is working very hard to get back up to form and doing very well.

The first day consisted of two

courses; one for beginners to intermediate students and another for brown and black belts.

The first course involved analysing the efficiency of body movement and projection of concentrated force.

In this session the students (and the seniors watching anxiously for their turn!) were asked to question the most basic of requirements; the ability to move the body.

That same day the brown and black belts were treated to an in depth analysis of the kata (form) 'Kanku Dai', roughly translated as 'viewing the universe'. Kata is often overshadowed in Western culture by the mysteriousness of the practice and the symbolism of the names, but simply put in the Japanese martial arts these represent codified forms of practical self defence.

On the second day all students of any age and ability were welcome where we spent two hours developing our kicking prowess.

The previous day's themes continued to pop up throughout, and by the end our kicks, whether for competition or real self defence, were definitely improved.

We certainly went away with an overwhelming amount of information to digest over the coming months.

The Sunday course, while excellent, was overshadowed by an unforgettable moment. A class of over 60

students were all lined up and eager to start when Sensei Hazard called Sensei Paul Watson forward to take the starting bow, as he always does, but then proceeded to call the class to ready position, ordered us to check our gi (uniform), and to stand smart and proud.

At this moment, the board of directors for the governing body, Karate Wales, walked in and Paul looked very confused as to what was going on.

In one of the proudest moments of my time in the Welsh Karate Union, I was able to watch as my friend and mentor was awarded his 7th Dan, presented by the man he admires the most, Dave Hazard, on behalf of Karate Wales.

While I know his humbleness will mean he still feels he doesn't deserve it, and he certainly never sought any recognition, Paul Watson is responsible for some of the finest work in furthering the quality and scope of karate in Wales, and has done so for 45 years purely as a volunteer.

As far as we are all concerned, no one

deserves it more.

Congratulations to a great man, and thank you to Sensei Dave Hazard for once again coming to teach us all.

If anyone is interested in trying karate please don't hesitate to get in contact. The Llantwit Major & St Athan Shotokan Karate Club, and the WKU as a whole, are entirely volunteer run and the WKU is one of the largest and most successful karate organisations in Wales.

As a local club we have been in the area for some 20 years and are fortunate to have a wide range of ages and abilities training with us, including many family groups.

We meet every Wednesday and Friday in the Gathering Place, St Athan, from 6.30pm-8pm. Students taken from age 8-plus (occasionally younger, but if so please contact first). Please contact Simon Dodd on 07917441138, find us on Facebook, or visit www.welshkarateunion.org for further details.

SIMON DODD

Wales manager launches new football scheme

THE future of football in Wales has been given a major boost with the announcement of a new grass-roots football programme which will see over 30,000 Welsh youngsters given access to training, equipment and facilities over the next three years and beyond.

Welsh manager Chris Coleman launched the scheme at Dragon Park where he was joined by local youngsters who were put through their paces on the football pitch to celebrate the start of the programme which will see the Welsh FA join forces with Lidl

to promote grass roots level football across the country.

In what is the biggest year in Welsh football history, with the national team heading to France for Euros 2016 in just two months' time, it's hoped the launch of the scheme will help to create a long legacy of Welsh football success.

Through the partnership, Lidl Play More Football will develop young people to provide them with the skills to plan, organise and deliver inclusive, fun and easy-to-play football activities to engage their peers who do not currently play the game.

An increased focus will also be placed on encouraging more young people to participate in the sport.

Second 'open day' at Rhose Bowls Club

ON Saturday, April 2, Rhose Bowls Club held its 2016 summer season open day.

It proved to be a great success, with new members joining and trying the game of bowls for the first time.

With good weather, the day was rounded off with a cheese and wine evening enjoyed by many of the members.

It has therefore been decided to hold a second open day on Saturday, April 23.

All are welcome and it is hoped that some younger boys and girls may like to come and have a go.

Tea and coffee will be free on the day and there will be a bar for those who may wish to partake in something stronger.

We look forward to seeing you. Rita M Craig, Rhose.

International Ama visits CTK netballers

AMA AGBEZE, the Loughborough Lightning and England Rose, gave young netballers from across the region an opportunity to take part in two workshops on Saturday.

Ama ran a full day's worth of special skills sessions, including a question and answer session for the young players.

She provided practical advice on training schedules, match preparation and gave an inspirational insight into her life as an international player from the age of 15.

In the evening she held a coaches seminar on defensive circle strategies. Coaches travelled from across Wales to attend the session.

This was the first in a series of sessions CTK netball club intend to run over the next year, with the aim of establishing a support structure for all

netball coaches across the region.

We would like to thank the Vale Resort for their continued support of our netball club from grassroots to our elite athletes.

Our domestic season has drawn to an end with mid table finish for the A team, while our B and C teams have won their leagues and gained automatic promotion to division 3 and division 5 respectively.

Our under-15s, under-13s and under-11s have qualified for national clubs finals day. However, for many of our top squad the season continues, with six athletes presently in the Wales under-21 long squad, and the upcoming tour to South Africa in June, in addition to their preparation for the world youth cup in Botswana in 2017.

We were extremely fortunate to have Ama's input at such a key time for our youngsters and international players. Thank you Ama!

CW

Cowbridge's Jeff Bird sees High Hatton race to victory!

AT the rearranged Monmouthshire Hunt Point-to-Point steeplechases at Howick near Chepstow racecourse, Welsh champion rider John Mathias brought his season's tally of wins to 14.

The biggest cheers of the day were reserved for Sara Bowditch, aged 21.

On only her second ride in a point-to-point she finished in fourth and last place in the Eight-Year-Olds And Over Open Maiden race on Mrs Paula Williams' eight-year-old bay mare *Which Sky*, the rank outsider of five.

Although being a couple of fences behind, Sara from the Rhondad Valley, who rides out for former Welsh champion riders Shan and Ross Farr, stuck to her task of completing the course and was greeted with loud cheers as she passed the winning post.

The race was won by the best turned-out horse *Thatchers Brook* who, under Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, scored by 20 lengths from the favourite *Eagle Harbor* after taking up the running five fences from home.

On dismounting in the winner's enclosure, Moorcroft said: "It was so easy she didn't need a jockey."

Thatchers Brook, an eight-year-old bay mare, is owned and trained by Kevin Salter and qualified with the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt.

The first of Mathias' wins was initiated when *Harpsy Cord*, a 10-year-old bay gelding by *Accordion* owned by John's mother Jan, came with a good run to lead at the last to score by two lengths from *Tullyrairie* (Lorcan Williams).

The odds-on favourite *Lamboro Lad* (Peter Bryan) never looked like winning and was a further 12 lengths back in third place. The pacemaking *Not Til Monday* unseated young Ben Jones at the last.

Gardiner's Hill, owned by west Wales National Hunt trainer Dai Rees and trained by partner Jane Jones, which had given Mathias his second winner, also led at the last to beat recent maiden winner *Mad Money* (Byron Moorcroft) by two lengths and is now destined to go summer racing over hurdles.

There was an exciting finish to the opening Connolly's Red Mills Intermediate race won by Cowbridge's Jeff

Bird's seven-year-old bay gelding *High Hatton* which beat the favourite *Moral Hazard* (John Mathias), which had slightly led at the last fence, by a neck.

Winning rider Richard Patrick said: "He didn't like the ground but he's a very brave horse."

Mr Bird said: "We have always thought a lot of this horse and Richard has given him a great ride."

"This is the 25th winner my brother-in-law Jonathan Tudor of Merthyr Mawr has trained for us, and it all started in 2003, when we won a novice hurdle at Worcester."

The Five, Six And Seven-Year-Olds Open Maiden went to the Shinton family's *Indian Leader*, trained by Michael Bowen son of leading Welsh National Hunt trainer Peter Bowen.

Indian Leader, a seven-year-old bay gelding, won by four lengths from *Tinkers Hill Tommy* and winning rider James King, aged 20, son of Racing Post journalist Andrew King, said: "He jumped well and has improved a lot."

The favourite *St Merry* (John Mathias) finished third and Llancarfan's Evan Williams, whose *De Faoithsream* won the

listed Scott Brand Handicap at Ayr later that day, was present to see his 18-year-old daughter Isabel finish fourth on his *Tenant Farmer*.

The pacemaking *Desert Roe* (Richard Patrick) who was disputing the lead came down at the last fence.

The Ladies' Open race went to Justin Hoskins' owned and trained 10-year-old chestnut gelding *Blazing Buck* which beat the favourite *Get It On* (Sarah Bowen) a winner over the course in March.

Blazing Buck, a six-time winner under Rules, led on the first circuit only to lose his place but ran on again in the closing stages.

It had looked as though at one time 25-1 outsider *Gate Force Lucy* would cause a shock win.

However, *Blazing Buck*, under the experienced Hannah Lewis, was in striking distance by the time the last obstacle was reached and went on to win by a length.

"He's a very quirky horse who does things very quietly and in his own way," said his delighted owner/trainer.

BRIAN LEE
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SQUASH PLAYERS TO REPRESENT WALES

TWO stalwart Cowbridge Squash Club players are to be rewarded for their continued high level of fitness and performance in the regional and local county leagues.

Both Nick Guard and Richard Ford will represent Wales at their respective age levels in the home international tournaments at the end of April and in early May.

Guard, Cowbridge Squash Club No 1 and club captain, has been selected to play for Wales over-55 team to play against England, Scotland and Ireland in the home internationals in Nottingham on May 5-8.

He has represented Wales for many years in the squash masters internationals at the over-40, over-45, over-50 and now the over-55 age groups.

The evergreen Guard still competes well,

playing at No 1 against allcomers (usually much younger opponents) in South Wales Division 2 East.

This is truly a remarkable achievement for the player to be still playing at such a high level and hence rewarded with international recognition.

Ford, Cowbridge B-team captain, has also been selected to captain the Wales over-65 team against England, Scotland and Ireland at the home internationals in Cardiff near the end of April 22-23. Richard has represented Wales on 25 occasions at different age groups over the last 11 years.

Seemingly, improving with age, last month Richard won the Wales National Championship for the over-65 age group.

All the Squash Club and associated community wish them both the very best of luck.

RW

Hockey club veterans are denied by last-gasp strike

PENARTH Hockey Club's veterans side returned to action to round off a successful three days of club 'business', but were denied a creditable draw as old foes Cardiff snatched a winning goal with the last touch of the game.

The veterans match, which followed the AGM and annual dinner on Thursday and Friday respectively, was the latest in a series of 'old timers' fixtures designed to both round off the regular season and kick-start the Vets' summer campaign and began in the spirit of a traditional friendly, but quickly showed the competitive nature of both teams.

Cardiff brought a mix of both seasoned veterans and younger team members, and their combined strength was evident as they bombarded the Penarth goal for fully 20 minutes.

With then home side restricted to hurried

clearances in a bid to get a breather, it was no surprise when the visitors opened the scoring, courtesy of a cleverly-deflected ball that left goalkeeper Mark Harris with little chance.

Stung by falling behind, but bolstered by the introduction of the returning Richard Bromley in the heart of defence, Penarth gradually pulled themselves back into the game over the remainder of the half.

With Dave Thomas getting more of the ball in midfield, openings were created for both Mark Sawyer and Nick Pratt, while the entire defensive corps remained resilient to ensure that the sides were still split by the solitary goal at the interval.

The second period proved to be a much more even affair, with Penarth able to move the ball more freely, utilising the effervescent Dave Morgan in midfield and halfbacks Graeme Jones and Rob Harrison to push Cardiff back.

There were chances at both ends, with Pratt, in

particular, ruing a Cardiff goalkeeper in good form as he saw two efforts well saved, and man-of-the-match Harris keeping the home side in the game on several occasions.

Penarth's increased possession eventually paid off when Craig Llewellyn converted a penalty corner to bring the sides level, and a second set-piece just minutes later only narrowly failed to put the hosts ahead.

With Morgan having to leave the game midway through the half, however, the Grizzlies were made to regret not going ahead as Cardiff mounted a late assault on the green goal.

With the game getting both tetchy and overly physical in the final 15 minutes, a draw would probably have been a fitting result, but Cardiff ensured that they would go away with the win as, having failed to convert any one of several penalty corners during the game, they finally found the bottom corner with the final strike of the game.

Not done with keeping his side in the game for the entire 70 minutes, goalkeeper Harris also turned out for the Wales over-40 side as they took on a Hockey for Heroes select XI at the Welsh Institute of Sport on Sunday, playing his part in a 3-3 draw.

CLUB DINNER
PENARTH Hockey Club celebrated its most successful season to date with a large turn-out at the annual dinner, held once again at Penarth Athletic Club.

Absolutely organised by club secretary Dave Stevens, the evening provided an opportunity to mark the league success of the first and second XIs, the promising return of the third XI after ten years' absence and a look to the future with confirmation of the return of a fourth XI in 2016-17.

The renaissance of the club's junior section was marked with the awarding of the Clubman of the Year Award to the coaching quartet of Michelle Meddins, Ben Croxall, James Davies and Graeme Jones, while former youth product

Laith El-Khatib walked off with both the leading goalscorer and first XI player of the year

trophies.

Jamie Davison and Morgan Salisbury picked up the second and third XI player of the year awards respectively, while Sam Salisbury was named as the latest young player of the year.

Sarah Pratt and Natasha Llewellyn were also singled out for their individual contributions to the club over the past season.

Speeches on the night congratulated the various sides for their accomplishments but warned against complacency ahead of both the 2016-17 season and the forthcoming cup finals weekend, where the first and second XIs play Penarth Ladies seconds on Saturday, April 23 in a day of hockey that could bring further glory to the town.

The first XI take on Bangor University in the main event of the day at 3pm, following on from the second XI's encounter with Swansea University at 10.30am and the Ladies Trophy final against Cardiff Medics at 12.45pm.

The club would welcome as much support as possible at Sophia Gardens. Adult tickets cost £5 on the gate, with under-16s going free. **CL**

League joy, but cup heartbreak for Reds

DUE to the number of matches cancelled due to bad weather and unplayable pitches during the winter months, Cowbridge Town Reds now have to play two matches a week in order to get all the games completed before the end of the season!

On Monday evening the Reds welcomed Llantwit Major to Cowbridge School for their latest league game.

Fortunately, the rain of earlier in the day had abated and the teams took to a pitch bathed in sunlight. An earlier encounter in the cup had seen the Reds take the spoils but a close game was expected.

The Reds started the game in their usual attacking style but Llantwit defended solidly and few chances were forthcoming.

Gradually the Reds started to gain the upper

hand and took the lead midway through the first half following a fine finish by Ruben Davies, who went on to claim his second not long after.

There was little between the teams for the remainder of the half with both teams' midfielders cancelling each other out and few clear-cut chances being created.

However, shortly before the break Llantwit managed to pull a goal back with a clever long-range finish from a tight angle making the score 2-1 at half-time.

The second half was similarly close with both teams having periods of pressure before the Reds managed to assert themselves with Ruben claiming his hat-trick and the Reds hitting the post soon after.

However, as the game drew to a close, Llantwit managed to score their second after a fine team move, but the final whistle blew soon after with the score at 3-2 to the Reds. The result

enabled the Reds to reclaim top spot in the league table.

On Friday evening the Reds travelled to Jenner Park in Barry to play Porthkerry Panthers in the final of the Vale Cup.

In another tight game with few chances there was nothing to choose between the teams until the final 10 minutes, when an unfortunate defensive mistake enabled Porthkerry to fire the ball into an empty net from just outside the penalty area.

As the Reds pressed forward in search of an equaliser, gaps appeared in the Reds defence and another defensive mistake enabled the Panthers to score their second goal from a tight angle.

With time running out the Reds attacks were comfortably dealt with and the match ended with a 2-0 win for Porthkerry who were deserved cup winners.

The match wasn't a classic with two good teams cancelling each other to some extent. However, the support for both sides was fantastic and thanks must go to everyone who attended the game.

Reds squad: Finlay Ball, Tom Collingridge, Ben Cooke, Ruben Davies, Sam Davies, Steffan Evans, Akka Guwy, Rhys Hardman, Will Harris, Aaron Holcombe, Aron Kempson, Toby Mallett, Tom McCarthy, Benji Mulcahy, Ifor Rees, Jac Roberts, Craig Tapsfield, Edward Thomas, Harry Treharne. **SE**

Under-16s take the Welsh title



Chelsea Deacon and Georgia Roberts-Powell with the trophy.

RECENTLY, the tenth edition of the FAW girls' Cup final took place at Ystrad Mynach, between Cardiff City Ladies under-16s and Villa Dino under-16s.

Cardiff City Ladies have not lifted the cup since the 2012/2013 season, as the cup went north twice to Caernarfon Town Girls, and Prestatyn Girls.

The road to the final was: **Round one** Cardiff City Ladies 1 - 0 PILCS Ladies.

Round Two, Vale Ladies and Girls 3 - 9 Cardiff City Ladies.

Round Three, Cardiff City Ladies 14 - 1 Thornhill Athletic.

Round Four, Llanidloes Girls 0 - 14

Cardiff City Ladies. Quarter Final, Caerphilly Castle Ladies 0 - 12 Cardiff City Ladies.

Semi finals, Cardiff City Ladies 5 - 0 Corwen.

The final was a very tense game that had supporters on the edge of their seats, but Cardiff City Ladies were the winners at 2 - 1.

Congratulations go to all the players - Georgia Roberts-Powell, Chelsea Deacon, Emily Poole, Monet Legal, Beth O'Donnell, Ella Powell, Anna Richards, Evan Taylor, Danni Lundrigan, Cerys Board, Daisy Evan-Watkins, Megan Atkins.

Also, thanks go to the coaches Dean and David, not forgetting the parents and grandparents, etc, for all their fantastic support.

Morgan selected for Wales in table tennis

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School would like to congratulate Morgan Davies in year 7.

She was selected by Table Tennis Wales to represent Wales in the British Championships in Guernsey.

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Barry Comprehensive School's racing car designers are off to Silverstone!

BARRY Comprehensive School was well represented at the Formula 1 in Schools regional competition at Swansea University by two strong teams on Thursday, March 24.

The 'Awesome Atoms' won best engineered car in their rookie class for pupils who have not competed in the event before, and came a creditable second overall in their event.

BCS Racing continued their successful run in the competition, with Oliver Bartlett the only remaining team member from previous years stepping up to team manager and leading new recruits Benjamin Eddy and Michael Todd.

BCS racing won best engineered car, fastest car and came third overall, meaning they will go forward to represent Wales at Silverstone in the F1 in Schools national finals.

A fantastic result for both teams and their teacher Mr Hawkins!

'In it to Win it'
TO end the spring term, Barry Comprehensive School held another 'In it to Win it' draw with a range of fantastic prizes on offer for those rewarded with raffle tickets.

The raffle tickets are awarded to pupils for excellence in attendance, attitudes to learning and academic success. Obviously, the more tickets accumulated, the more chances there are to win a prize.

With all pupils having at least one ticket in the draw, everyone was excited. Of course, it was no surprise to see pupils with multiple tickets winning many of the prizes (that's mathematics!) and as all pupils know, you have to attend on the day to be able to claim a prize.

The next draw will take place at the end of the summer term. So the message is to keep working hard, keep attendance high and keep collecting those tickets.

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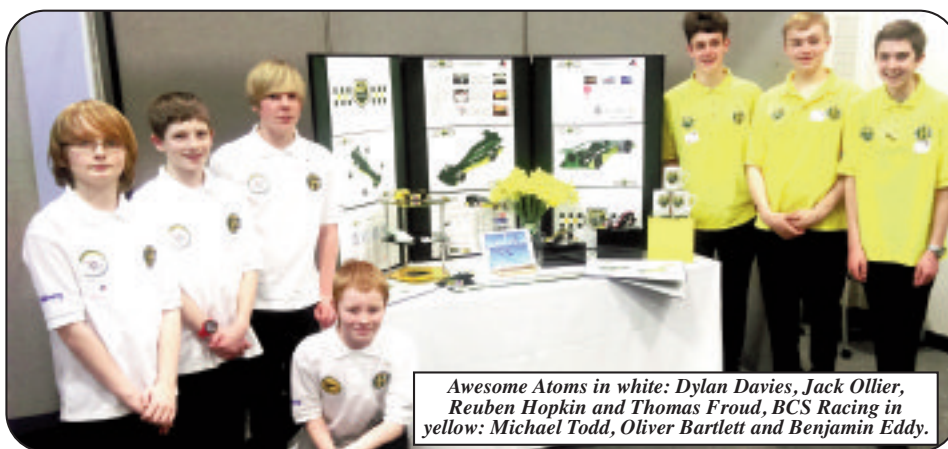
MP set for London Marathon challenge

VALE MP Alun Cairns will compete in the London Marathon on Sunday after joining forces with two local charities for the 2016 London Marathon. He will be raising funds for Breast Cancer Now and the Brain Tumour Charity when he participates this weekend.

Local representatives of Breast

Cancer Now and the Brain Tumour Charity met Mr Cairns recently to tell their stories and explain more about the work the charities do in the local community.

To sponsor Mr Cairns and raise money for Breast Cancer Now and the Brain Tumour Charity, visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AlunCairns>.



Awesome Atoms in white: Dylan Davies, Jack Ollier, Reuben Hopkin and Thomas Froud, BCS Racing in yellow: Michael Todd, Oliver Bartlett and Benjamin Eddy.



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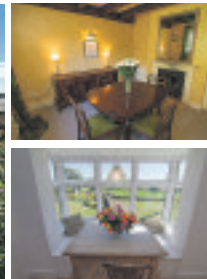
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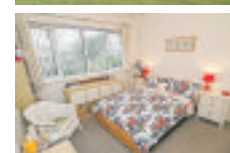
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Family Notices

Remembrance Service for **ROBIN SLOAN**

**Who passed away on
March 10 in Spain.**

Service to be held at 3pm on
Monday, April 25 at St Iltud's
Church, Llantwit Major.
Donations in lieu of flowers to be
made to Cancer Research.

TINSLEY **Michael**

Peacefully on April 11th at University Hospital of
Wales, Cardiff – Mike, formerly of Barry and
well known of Talbot Green. Husband and friend
to Sian, much loved dad of Rhys. Loving brother
to Steve and brother-in-law to Lorna.

*He will be sadly missed by all his family and many
friends.*

Mike is resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court
Road, Barry until his service and committal at
Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday, May 3 at 10am.
No flowers by request – donations may be made at
his service or via Mike's online tribute page at
www.valefuneralservice.co.uk, where your personal
messages and tributes are also welcome.

All donations to Velindre Cancer Centre or SHINE
(Spina bifida • Hydrocephalus • Information
• Networking • Equality) in memory of Mike.
Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

EVANS

Craig Michael (Evs)

On Saturday, April 9 2016, Craig suddenly but
peacefully passed away, aged 41 years - he had
come home and was lovingly surrounded by his
three girls.

Craig, from Porthcawl, was the much loved husband
and soulmate of Jemma, devoted father of Lauren
and Natasha, beloved son of Roger and June, little
brother of Ross and best friend of Floyd.

*He will be sadly missed by all his family and countless
friends and leaves a huge gap in their lives.*

Funeral Service and cremation at Margam
Crematorium on Tuesday, April 26 at 1.30pm.
Family flowers only but charitable donations in
Craig's memory may be made to Cancer Research
Wales c/o Gareth and Rhodri Howell of E Esaías &
Son Funeral Directors, 39 Bridge Street, Kenfig
Hill, Bridgend, CF33 6DB.
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CARTHY **Gladys May**

Peacefully on 10 April at Llandough Hospital,
Gladys May, aged 93 years of Barry. Beloved wife
of the late George. Deeply loved mother of
Stephen, Susan, Jane, Rachel and the late Derek.
Loved mother-in-law, cherished grandmother,
great grandmother and sister.

Gladys will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A. G. Adams & Son Funeral Home,
Gladstone Road, Barry, where flowers may be sent until
the funeral on Monday, 25 April. Service in the chapel
at 11am afterwards cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan
Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry 12 noon.

Acknowledgements

DESMOND KEMP

Frances, Paul and Deryn sincerely thank
family, friends and neighbours for their
many cards, flowers and messages of
condolence and for all those who attended Des'
funeral. Special thanks to Steve Parry
and Park Funeral Directors.

WILLIAMS **Evan David**

Barbara, Peter and family would like to give thanks
to Mr. David Brunning who gave a wonderful service
for Dad, also the funeral directors at Fommon. To all
that sent messages of condolences and flowers.
Also, a big thank you to two wonderful neighbours
who put on a lovely spread to come back to.

RICHARDS

Ann

Peacefully on April 11 at College Fields Nursing
Home surrounded by her loving family, Ann,
aged 99 years, beloved wife of the late Glyn.
Much loved mother of Keith, Jean and the late
Michael. Special mother-in-law to Jan, Gwyn and
Jenny. Cherished nan to all her grandchildren,
great grandchildren and great great grandchild.
*A special mum who will be missed by all her
family and many friends.*

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court
Road, Barry until a celebration of her life at St
Davids Methodist Church, Barry, on Thursday,
April 28 at 1.45pm, followed by interment at
Barry Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the
funeral home.

For further enquiries please contact Lyndsay Ellis
on 01446 407962.

HATHERALL **Herbert Charles**

It is with great sadness that Ann and family
announce the death of Herbert. Passed away on
April 16 at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

Funeral details to follow.
Enquiries to Thomas Brothers on 01446 775681.

BROWN **Sophie**

Peacefully on 16 April at Holme Towers Hospice,
Penarth, Sophie, aged 76 years of Barry. Beloved
wife of the late Terry, much loved mum to Steve
and Jacqui, mother-in-law to Clare and Steve and
a devoted grandmother and great-grandmother to
Ross, Jonathan, Sophie and Lisa.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Gladstone Road,
Barry until the service at the Cardiff & Glamorgan
Crematorium, Barry, (where all are welcome) on
Friday, April 29 at 11am.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

BOWEN **Irene Grace**

Grace passed away peacefully on April 6 at College
Fields Nursing Home, Barry, aged 89 years. Dear
wife of the late Sidney, loving mum to Roslyn, Lynda
and Kevin. A much loved Nanna and Great Nanna.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.
Grace is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis at The Vale Funeral
Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service and
committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry
on Wednesday, April 27 at 12 noon.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be
made at her service in aid of Ty Hafan Children's
Hospice in memory of Grace.

EVANS

Craig Michael (Evs)

Our very dear son-in-law Craig, taken far too
young, far too soon. Love David and Rachel.

Much loved friend and brother-in-law of
Nathan and Rebecca, Dan and Sarah, Zoe and
Dylan, and all the family xxx
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WILLIAMS

Edgar John

Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales,
Cardiff on April 11, John of Clifton Street, Barry.
Will be dearly missed by his daughters Jane and
Annie, and grandchildren Emma and James.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynenydd Funeral
Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until his requiem
mass at St Helen's RC Church, Barry on Friday,
April 22 at 11am, followed by interment at Barry
Cemetery at 12.15pm. No flowers by request but
donations in lieu of flowers to the Dogs Trust.

Please wear colourful attire, no sombre wear please.

PUGH

Richard John

Peacefully on April 9th at Marie Curie Hospice,
Penarth – Richard, formerly of Craig Penllin,
Cowbridge and Newington Green. Cherished son
of Carmen and the late John, loving brother of
Elizabeth, Hannah, Michael and their families,
also a much loved Uncle.

*He will be sadly missed by all who knew and
loved him.*

Richard is resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181
Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff &
Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday 27th
April at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if
desired to support Marie Curie Care may be made at
the service or via Richard's online tribute page at
www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where your personal
messages and memories may also be made.
Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407 962.

BREWER

Roger Martin

Peacefully on April 10 at Princess of Wales
Hospital, Roger, beloved husband of Susan, loving
father to Ian and Neil, father-in-law to Maria and
Dany. Adored grandson of Hannah, Katie, Abbie,
Cameron and Kyle.

Roger's funeral will take place at Holy Cross Church,
Cowbridge at 2pm on Friday, April 29, followed by
cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.15pm.
Family flowers only. Donations in support of Ty Hafan
Children's Hospice, Ty Hafan, Hayes Road,
Sully, CF64 5XX.

RATTENBURY

Ralph William

Peacefully after a short illness, Ralph sadly
passed away on April 9 at Llandough Hospital.
He was well known of Barry Island and for his
keen interest in bowls. A beloved partner to the
late Val Jordan.

He will be dearly missed by all his family and friends.

Ralph is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale
Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until his
service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan
Crematorium on Thursday, April 28 at 11am.
Family floral tributes only please.

DODD

Chris

Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff
on April 10, Chris of Breng Close, Barry.

Deeply beloved husband of Val, much loved dad of
Nick and father-in-law of Gaynor. Loving father of
Mike and his partner Sharon, adored bamps of George
and James, a loving brother to all his family.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynenydd Funeral Home,
Gladstone Road, Barry until his funeral service in the
chapel on Tuesday, April 26 at 11am, followed by
cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium,
Barry at 12 noon. No flowers by request but donations in
lieu may be made to the British Red Cross.

Mitchell

Frank *Special memories of Frank.*

*Love and miss
you always,
Shirley & family
xx*

EVANS

Ivor

Peacefully on April 13 at Llandough Hospital -
Ivor Lewis of Highlight Park, Barry, previously of
The Downs, St Nicholas.

Beloved husband of the late Maureen. Devoted father
of Eddie, Louise, John, Alan, Ticia and father-in-law
of Isobel, Gareth, Sue and Wendy. Cherished
grandfather, great grandfather and brother.

*Ivor will be always in our hearts and will be missed
by all of his family and friends.*

Resting at A. G. Adams & Son Funeral Home,
Gladstone Road, Barry, where flowers may be sent
or, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral
director after the funeral for Cancer Research.
Funeral service at St Nicholas Church, St Nicholas,
on Wednesday, April 27 at 2.45pm, followed by
cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium,
Port Road East, Barry at 4pm.

WHITE

John

Peacefully on April 18 at College Fields Nursing
Home, John, aged 70 years.

A well liked resident who will be dearly missed.

John is resting at The Vale Funeral Service 181
Court Road, Barry until his service and committal at
Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road,
Barry on Friday, April 29 at 10am.
Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

Birthdays

Jasmine Fitzpatrick **Happy 11th Birthday**

20th April
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Jessica, Moby and
Arya, Nanny and
Granshi, your
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Happy 30th Birthday **Kevin Hiscock**

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FFION LILY EVANS

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grand-daughter for Ken, Margaret, Russell and Viv.
A very special cousin for Ethan, Leah and Robyn.
Grateful thanks to the medical staff at UHW
and West Quay Surgery, Barry

Public Notice

LICENSING ACT 2003 SECTION 34
Notice of Application to Vary a Premises License
NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT an application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a **VARIATION TO THE PREMISES LICENCE** In respect of the premises shown below. Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of: Monday to Thursday 0830 to 1700 hours and Friday 0830 to 1630 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: www.bridgend.gov.uk.

Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below: Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB

NAME OF APPLICANT: R.E.D Hopkins
NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE PREMISES: Sax Nightclub & Bar, Derwen Road, Bridgend, CF31 1LH.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED VARIATION: (1) Remove restriction of no entry/re-entry after 2.30. Change hours of sale of alcohol from 11-4.30 Mon-Sun. Change hours of opening from 11.00-5.00 Mon-Sun. Remove condition for tables in smoking area.

DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE: 14th May 2016
This notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the licensing authority, namely 16th April 2016, for 28 consecutive days.

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Thank You

Mavis Austin

would like to thank the wonderful medics that attended Fred during his sudden illness, the doctors and nurses at A&E at POW, Bridgend and Lorraine and Vernon, Jan and Steve and all our grandchildren. Fred is now progressing at home.

God bless you all.
Love Mavis & family.

Lost & Found

THANK YOU

Vegas was found safe and well in Rhooose.

Thank you to everyone who helped search for him. We're so happy to have him home after a week of being missing.

Adrian and Jackie



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(otherwise Mrs Marjorie Joyce Porter, Mrs Joyce Marjorie Knowles)

(Deceased)
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Cyhoeddwyd y gorchymyn uchod ar 8 Ebrill 2016. Effaith y gorchymyn fydd gwybodaeth i'r llysoedd cyhoeddus sy'n rhedeg o Port Road (NGR 312235 172261) i Glos Llanfair (NGR 312205 172515) ac i greu llysoedd ar y llinell sy'n rhedeg o Port Road (NGR 312264 172318) i Glos Llanfair (NGR 312103 172517), a llysoedd i'r llysoedd cyhoeddus sy'n rhedeg drwy ran ogleddol y ddifffygial rhwng NGR 311954 172502 ac NGR 312038 172587 ac i greu llysoedd ar y llinell sy'n rhedeg o NGR 311954 172502 i Glos Llanfair (NGR 312103 172517) fel y dangosir ar map y gorchymyn.

Mae copi o'r gorchymyn a map y gorchymyn wedi cael eu gosod ar y gwlad sy'n rhedeg ac am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Doc, Dociau'r Barr, Y Barr CF63 4RT yn ystod yr oriau swyddfa arferol. Gellir gyswllt copi o'r gorchymyn a'r map yn ym am £4.50.

Gellir cytuno achos ychydig o'r parhau, neu mewn gwrthwybodaeth i'r gorchymyn drwy'r post neu ffon wedi cytuno a'r Pwrddd Ailwyo a Chyflwyno, Swyddfa'r Doc, Dociau'r Barr, Y Barr CF63 4RT heb lodi yn ymchwyl na 10 Mai 2016. Eglurir sail yr achos os gwybwyd yn dda.

Onid dderbynnir cytuno'n achos neu wrthwybodaeth, neu os fydd rhai a gododd yn ôl, bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn gadarnhau drostol hysbysu y gorchymyn yn orychymyn ddiarffwybodaeth. Os anffwrdd y gorchymyn at Wladodol Cymru fe gadarnhau, bydd unrhyw gwrthwybodaeth neu wrthwybodaeth nad yddi wedi tyneis i ôl yn cael eu hanfon gyda'r gorchymyn nemmud.
Dyddiedig 21 Ebrill 2016



NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990,
SECTION 257 AND PARAGRAPH 1 OF SCHEDULE 14
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATHS NOS. 21 AND 22 WENVOE)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2016

The above Order was made on 8th April 2016. The effect of the Order will be to divert the public footpath running from Port Road (NGR 312235 172261) to Glos Llanfair (NGR 312105 172515) and to create an alternative footpath instead on to a line running from Port Road (NGR 312264 172318) to Glos Llanfair (NGR 312103 172517), also to divert the public footpath running through the northern section of the development between NGR 311954 172502 and NGR 312038 172587 and to create an alternative footpath instead on to a line running from NGR 311954 172502 to Glos Llanfair (NGR 312103 172517) as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Dock Office, Barry Dock, Barry CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent or delivered in writing addressed to the Head of Regeneration and Planning, Dock Office, Barry Dock, Barry CF63 4RT not later than the 10th May 2016. Please state the grounds on which it is made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Vale of Glamorgan Council may itself confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Welsh Ministers for confirmation any representations or objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

Dated this 21st April 2016

Swimming Club's 90th birthday and gala

BACK in the early 1900s, the Barry Amateur Swimming and Lifesaving Association was formed.

Mr W Douglas presided at the Association's annual general meeting held on June 6, 1926, in the Barry Hotel, Broad Street.

The history of the BASC (which was formed on April 7, 1926) could not have been written without the opening of the Cold Knap swimming pool. Their first gala was held on September 11 of that year, with one of the main events a water polo match.

The following year, the first club headquarters was built; a wooden construction which cost just £102.

In 1927, a long distance open event was organised, which consisted of a mile swim for men and 880 yards for women. Today, we still have a long distance event of 800 metres.

The first gala was held in June 1927 and attracted over 2,000 spectators. This attracted long distance Channel swimmers Harry Temme and Kathleen Thomas, the Welsh diving champion, Leigh McEwen and competitors for the water polo team to represent Britain in the Olympic games.

In February 1932 at the club's AGM, they found at last that the club was free of debt and the cost of the club house had been met in full.

Clubs from Oxford, Bristol and other parts of the country regularly took part in the galas at the Knap swimming pool and BASC also travelled to venues around the country.

Over the years, the club has produced many excellent swimmers and has entered many competitions including the Taff Swim, the Neath River Swim; the Thames Swim and the Ilfracombe Sea Swims.

It has also taken part in lifesaving courses organised by the Royal Lifesaving Society.

By 1971, the club had



Barry Swimming Club today.

to limit its membership as it had grown to over 270 swimming at Cold Knap, with as many as 65 attending training at the RAF St Athan on Friday nights during the winter months.

In 1982, the club moved to the newly-opened Barry Leisure Centre, which offered all-the-year-round facilities to the club.

In 1986, the club took a turn in fortunes when they had to use Penarth Pool for training and with the extra cost, its membership dropped and the club almost closed.

But it did survive and today it still produces excellent swimmers. The success of any club is not in the amount of silverware it accumulates, but in the atmosphere it creates in organising social and other events and in its coaching. BASC has been fortunate in both spheres with the appointments of its coaches and an active social calendar.

The club celebrated 90 years on April 7.

It will be holding a 90th anniversary gala which takes place at Barry Leisure Centre on Sunday, April 24 at 2pm. There will be three clubs joining Barry – Llantrisant (RCT Swimmers), Rhondda and Celtic Dolphins.

A cup will be presented to the winning team and the guest of honour will be Jane Hutt. Visitors and ex-members are welcome to come along and join in.

Colwinston's pupils show sporting promise



Joseph (left) and Aaron (right) with their 1-1 coach, former Glamorgan and England 'A', Darren Thomas.

RIGHT:
Ben Moore with his medal.



THREE year-6 pupils from St David's Church in Wales Primary School, Colwinston, have had representative honours at their chosen sport.

Aaron and Joseph Davies are rising stars in the world of Welsh cricket. They divide their time between club cricket at Bridgend Town, County Cricket with Cardiff and the Vale under-11s and the Wales National Development Squad.

There are certainly benefits to being identical twins when playing on the same team though – Joseph bats right but bowls left arm, and his brother Aaron bats left but bowls right arm.

This definitely has the effect of confusing everyone, especially the opposition!

The school is delighted to congratulate them on being selected for final 20 players for the Wales under-11 team and wish them all the best in their final trials in May.

Ben Moore has had a huge year in the sport of judo. Ben started judo two years ago after he decided to go along to a class to improve his rugby!

He fell in love with the sport immediately. Over the past year he has won several A band events and won

his regional schools trials in his age and weight category in Wales.

While many enjoy a restful Easter break, Ben was extremely busy.

He travelled to Scotland to compete in the International Sportive event. This was a huge event with countries from as far away as Canada. Ben performed fantastically well and did Wales and St David's proud, coming second in his weight/age category.

One weekend later, he was off to Sheffield for the British Schools Championship, representing St David's, Colwinston.

There were 28 different schools in his group and he had ten fights – a mixture of year-7 and year-6 and amazingly he came away with another medal; a bronze.

His training efforts and determination have seen him surpassing all our expectations week in week out.

We would like to congratulate all three of our national stars and hope to hear of their continued success when they move on to Cowbridge Comprehensive at the end of this school year.

L Croke-West

Island cafe and Barry Athletic's cricket youth section link up



The Cadwaladers training jackets.

WHAT started out as a Facebook message has finished with a fantastic sponsorship deal for Barry Athletic Cricket Youth Section.

In January this year, Mark Ellis, the youth section coordinator, sent a message to Cadwaladers in the hope of securing a sponsorship deal.

With the café being positioned 40 yards from the ground, would Cadwaladers be interested in working in partnership with the cricket club?

Cadwaladers quickly responded and a meeting was set up with the operations manager, Paul Morton.

Mark suggested training jackets for the children, a VIP discount card and an ice cream cart situated at the ground during training and matches, which in return would generate business and custom for Cadwaladers.

Paul was keen to put this to the directors. It was agreed by Cadwaladers, who matched the enthusiasm, commitment and ideas and put forward an offer to support the club.

Two Saturdays ago the first part of the deal was secured, the children receiving their training jackets and parents and associates receiving 20 per cent off VIP discount cards.

Paul Morton commented: "Cadwaladers are proud to be associated with such a good cause and expect great things to

come from this recently reformed youth section. We wish the whole team great success in their upcoming games.

"With the new season fast approaching, the children will look professional in their jackets as the under-9 and under-11 teams take their place in the new Cardiff and Vale Junior League.

"This is the start of a really good relationship with Cadwaladers. We really hope youth section members, players, parents, grandparents and visitors to the ground take the offer of the 20 per cent VIP cards.

"I've been really impressed with the foresight of Cadwaladers in following up my request for assistance and the hope is that both parties will benefit from the sponsorship deal."

For those interested in visiting Cadwaladers, the café on the Island is located at 11 Paget Road, Barry Island.

Training for Barry Athletic Cricket Youth Section starts outside at the ground on Barry Island on Tuesday, April 19 from 6pm – 7.30pm.

New players (boys and girls) are welcome from the age of seven – 13. The club has eight newly qualified Level 1 coaches.

The under-9 and under-11 league matches will start from May onwards.

For more information on both the youth section and adult section of the club, contact me on 07826 020707.

MARK ELLIS

Rhose success at GB Stillwaters Championships

ON Saturday, March 26, the teams from Rhose Life guards competed at the SLSGB Stillwaters Championships held this year at Cardiff International Pool.

A busy weekend was had in the capital with the World Half Marathon Championships also taking place the same day.

With Dom and Karen representing the masters team and Simon, Ellie, Alex, Kelsea, Kirby, Kathryn and Rhys competing for the Open age group, many of the competitors once again achieved personal bests in the various races.

Special congratulations go to Dom and Karen for winning gold 'British Champion' medals in their races.

This marks the end of the pool and indoor

championships for the Open and Masters team with the Nipper and Juniors competing in a few weeks' time.

The club are already starting to prepare for their spring and summer training and we'll be reporting on the first club events once they get underway.

The Open team finished sixth out of the 18 clubs competing and the Masters 10th out of the 14 teams, a good result all round given a relatively small team attended.

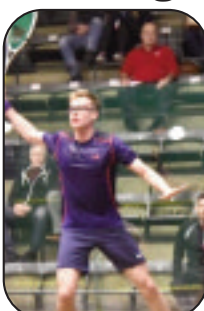
Individual medals winners: Karen O'Donoghue-Harris – silver manikin carry, gold manikin carry with fins, gold manikin tow with fins; Dom Lee – bronze obstacle race, silver manikin carry, gold manikin carry with fins, gold rescue medley, silver manikin tow with fins.

Elliot moves up squash rankings

ELLIOT MORRIS is Welsh Junior Closed and Open Champion under-19, and recently led the Welsh under-19 team to a semi-final place and a final position of fourth in the under-19 European team championships.

He is consistently in the quarter finals and above of the European super series events.

He came fifth in the German Junior Open and seventh in the French Junior Open, and also played for the Welsh under-20 mixed team that came second in the Home Nations test matches.



Panthers are up for the cup!



CONGRATULATIONS to Porthkerry Panthers under-12 team, who won the cup final 2-0 against Cowbridge Town Reds in a game held at Jenner Park on Friday, April 15.

Victory was secured with goals from Ollie Bradley and Adem Tor! Special thanks to their coach Andy Bradley.

JH

Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

VALE UNITED won the Supporters Cup with an emphatic 4-0 win over Barry Belgrade at Jenner Park.

The Division One league cup victory was made all the sweeter for the Ewenny-based club, after being on the wrong end of two cup finals last season.

Skipper Richard Evans bagged a double while Thomas Hopkins and Mike Rowse also scored as United claimed redemption.

Meanwhile in the Premier Division, all three title-chasing sides were victorious – leaders St Athan won 3-1 against SP Construction, Wenve Arms defeated bottom side Island Marine 3-0 and Cardiff Airport routed Penarth Town 9-1.

Elsewhere in the division, Dinas Powys Athletic put seven past AFC Rhose in an impressive 7-1 away win and Cowbridge

Town owed up to fifth with a 5-2 victory over Masons Moving Group.

Division One and Two had a few games called off after a downpour left many of the Barry Sports Centre pitches unplayable.

Cogan Coronation went top of Division One with a 4-1 win over Cardiff Airport B and must be seen as firm favourites for the title now with five games left to play. Elsewhere, Glenbrook played out a 2-2 draw with Cadoxton Athletic.

There was only one game in Division Two this week, with Knap FC drawing 1-1 with FC Pumas B.

This week sees the Premier Division top three all in crucial midweek games before the weekend's game of the day – St Athan hosting Cardiff Airport.

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NEW SPONSORS FOR MEN'S BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

STRACHAN Travel are the new principal sponsors of the prestigious men's open singles championships of Wales bowling competition, which will have

been hosted by the Dinas Powys Bowls Club since 1908.

This year's event will take place from May 27 to June 3, and Angharad Griffiths, sports group executive at Strachan Travel, presented a cheque to Tim Hurcom, chairman of the tournament committee. Also present were Ken Beecher, the manager of Group Travel and officers of the Dinas Powys club.

Entries for the competition must reach Richard Cowling by May 15 - for more information call 01446 722444.

AG

PG10 open days in July

AFTER celebrating for its academy another record-breaking season with thousands of junior players taking part in football activities, PG10 Coaching, the FAW / UEFA accredited football provider, which has development centres across Wales and is also linked and endorsed by Premier League giants

Everton FC, have announced its plans to open the open days for next season which will be held at Vale Sports Arena in Penarth on Sunday, July 10, and Sunday, July 17 - to book in please email petegriff10@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07955270870 or visit www.pg10coaching.co.uk.

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Evan's Ayr winner

LLANCARFAN trainer Evan Williams landed the £28,475 Scotty Brand Chase (Listed 1) at Ayr Racecourse last Saturday when his 10-year-old *De Faoithes Dream* finished one-and-three quarter lengths ahead of the well-fancied *UltraGold*.

De Faoithes Dream was a 20-1 chance and was ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney. At Bangor-on-Dee, *Normandy King*, trained by Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, won the £3,249 Excel Signs Hurdle (Division 2) by three lengths from *Fiddler's Flight*. A 9-2 shot, *Normandy King* was partnered by Alan Johns.

BRIAN LEE

The Barry and District Ladies Skittle League results

LATEST results for the Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for April 4 are as follows:

Division One:
Breakaways (C Parfitt 32) 280, SV Gals (T Warner 31) 324; Barry Stars (C Lambeth 33) 298, Special Angels (R Niblett 35) 329; Family Affair (L Thomas 31) 257, Space Finders (L Jones 30) 286; Family and Friends (H Provis, J Kirby 24) 237, Coppers (S Ford 25) 251; Castle Bandits (D Collard 31) 248, Bakers' Dozen (M Lewis 30) 286; Colcot Ladies (H Edwards 26) 228, Bobby's Girls (P Solomon, A Seldon 25) 225.

Division Two: SV Lights (A Brid, P Snook 28) 241, Pila Palas (M Jones 27) 275; Clickies (A Batt 31) 305, Castaways (M Winder 28) 2789; Red Admiral (G Williams 25) 203, Vixens (M Marks 25) 196; After Eights (M Hellyar 31) 281, Little Devils (J Jones, P Weston 30) 280; Rhose Starlights (J Ockwell 31) 260, Merry Makers (C Hatcher, R Collins 26) 253; Witchill Widows (S Hurn 35) 315, Rhose

Ravers (A Robinson 37) 248.

Division Three:
Twilights (S Boulton 23) 207, Hill Billies (D Stewart 24) 205; Dolly Mixtures (E Bryan 23) 207, Persuaders (B Organ 25) 201; Roller Coasters (C Thomas 26) 234, Westenders (S Moran 26) 233, Friends and Neighbours (J Parry 27) 258, La Belles (S Davies 28) 249; Fallen Angels (T Lawrence 28) 265, SV Ladies (N Batt 29) 260; Airways Angels (A Crook 27) 232, Etcetera (J Barton 28) 245.

Division Four: Nite Outers (C Mitchem 22) 178, Guardian Angels (S Aston 26) 183; Hell Raisers (S Norris, L Ellett 25) 209, Challengers (A Richards) 233; Witches (V Walters, L Carey, S Beer 25) 246, Witchill Wanderers (C Nicholson, S Reynolds 22) 169; Living On A Spare (A Finn 34) 322, Uptown Girls (J Bromilay 37) 319; Socialits (S Marks 30) 277, Off The Rails (I Rosser 31) 246, Aristocats (M Moore, T Weston 24) 213, Odd Bods (V Jackson, T Ceriani 24) 218.

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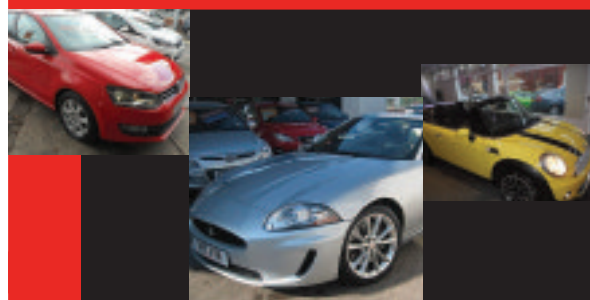


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PLENTY OF DRAMA ON SECOND FINALS WEEKEND



VoGAFL co-vice chair Alan Smith presenting Vale United captain Richard Evans with the Supporters Cup.



VoGAFL mini secretary Lee Saunders presenting Porthkerry Panthers captain Sebastian Kenefick with the Brian Riseborough Memorial Trophy.



Barry Town United manager Gavin Chesterfield handing the Classic Sportswear Cup to Cadoxton Imps Dragons captain Connor Davies-Bear.

WEEKEND two of the Vale of Glamorgan Cup Finals for 2015/16 saw the first junior match on Friday, April 15, with the Year 7 final for the Brian Riseborough Memorial Trophy between Cowbridge Town and Porthkerry Panthers.

A very close game, competitive and entertaining was edging towards extra time with no side able to score, but with seven minutes to go a ball down the left for Porthkerry Panthers saw the Cowbridge Town keeper commit himself, but a dinked shot by Oliver Bradley saw Porthkerry Panthers take the lead.

Cowbridge Town tried to get back into the game quickly but two minutes later a similar attack from Porthkerry Panthers saw another passage of play down the left side and Adem Tor chipped over the keeper from a closer range to see Porthkerry Panthers go 2-0 up, a cushion big enough to see them lift the trophy.

Sunday, April 17, was the first double-header of the season with the Year 11 final in the morning for the Classic Sportswear Cup between Cadoxton Imps Devils and Cadoxton Imps Dragons, and then the Division 1 League Cup final for the Supporters Cup between Barry Belgrade and Vale United.

Starting the day was the historic Year 11 final as this was the first ever Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League final contested by two teams from the same club.

Having won the coin toss, Cadoxton Imps Devils were assigned the home changing room but this also meant they had to change their kit, leaving Cadoxton Imps Dragons to play in the traditional club colours of blue and white stripes.

Cadoxton Imps seemed somewhat put off by the kit change as they went into the half-time break 3-0 down.

They kept their heads up and kept fighting but a fourth goal 25 minutes into the second half was the final nail in the coffin.

Cadoxton Imps Devils managed to get a consolation goal scored by Josh Hobbs, the final score 4-1; the Cadoxton Imps Dragons scorers were Brad Payne with a brace, captain Connor Davies-Bear and Raied Jones.

Onto the afternoon for the Division 1 final between promotion chasers Barry Belgrade and Vale United.

The match turned into a war of attrition but only for Barry Belgrade; the first two problems were two goals.

The first came in the second minute and the second in the 29th minute after Vale United beat the offside trap. A few minutes later Barry Belgrade lost their first player through injury after a heavy tackle, forcing a substitution.

Vale United went on to get a third goal beating the offside trap again before a second injured Barry Belgrade player forced another unplanned substitution. At half-time the score was 3-0.

Like Cadoxton Imps Devils earlier, there were no bowed heads and Barry Belgrade fought to stay in the game but without coming too close to a goal.

Then in the space of five minutes late in the game, Vale United got their fourth from an own goal before another injury caused Barry Belgrade to make their third and final unplanned substitution due to injury.

Other goals for Vale United came from captain Richard Evans and a brace for Thomas Hopkins.

This weekend sees two junior games. Firstly on Friday night it's the Year 8 League Cup Final for the Billy Butlin Trophy, kick-off 6.15pm.

Then, on Sunday, the Year 9 League Cup Final for the Harry Grattan Trophy takes place at 10.15am.

Entrance fees are £1 for adults and 50p for children. Spectators are also reminded that they are not to encroach onto the pitch before, during or after the match.

MD

First members of hall of fame are announced

WALES Rugby League have chosen Billy Boston and Gus Risman as their first two inductees in their newly formed official hall of fame.

It was a natural choice as both are already in the RFL's Hall of Fame and were immortalised on the recently-unveiled rugby league statue outside Wembley Stadium.

The first celebration dinner takes place on Monday, April 25, at the Village Hotel Chester St David's in north Wales and Boston is amongst Wales players past and present who has already confirmed his attendance. Also attending will be 1970s Welsh international John Risman, the son of Gus. As well as officially

inducting the two players into the hall of fame, the players from last season's Wales senior side, who won the European Championship after beating Scotland, France and Ireland, will be presented with their winners medals.

Wales Rugby League's chairman, Brian Juliff, who was also a Welsh international, said: "Choosing individuals from so many worthy candidates has been ridiculously difficult but we already have some key names listed in the rugby football league hall of fame to help us on our way.

"On that basis we have agreed that our first two inductees will be Billy Boston and Gus Risman. "Gus and Billy are of course already immortalised on the

bronze statue at Wembley Stadium which in itself is quite a remarkable in that two out of five people on the tribute are of Welsh heritage.

"Choosing modern players to sit alongside our immortals will always be a challenge but having already canvassed support on our candidates for selection, have no doubt that our future choices for induction will be warmly received."

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Dinas back to winning ways

DINAS POWYS FC finally got back to winning ways with this fine win against an Ammanford side some nine places higher in the table, proving that with the right instructions you can compete and win at this level, despite all the squad coming from around a five mile radius of The Murch.

The 2-0 scoreline could have been a lot wider, with Nicky Bruce hitting the crossbar twice and Dinas having two blatant penalties turned down by the referee.

Ammanford had the first half-chance when a free kick close to the left corner flag was driven over the crossbar by Ashley Richards under pressure from Scott Muir.

Sam Adamson was battling well with Ammanford's powerful-looking Craig Frater and Dinas keeper James Curtin had to be alert to take a high ball in from Euros Griffiths.

Dinas began to get their passing game going and exert some pressure and a good run down the left by Adam Johns ended when he appeared to be brought down in the box - but the referee waved play on.

This was followed by an excellent tackle and cross by Reuben Bryl, starting a Welsh League game for the first time; unfortunately Scott Muir just failed to connect with his head to the cross when well placed.

The Ammanford number six Ben Soal was then booked for a two-footed tackle of Nathan Donnelly, back in the heart of the Dinas defence after a holiday. Dinas were then awarded a 20 yard free kick taken by Bruce bringing a good save from Daffyd Jones.

The game was fairly even at this stage with Dinas playing the better football. Ammanford then had a free kick near the left corner flag which Curtin attempted to take but was fouled giving Dinas the free kick.

A sweeping move by Dinas involving Adamson, Bryl and Johns enabled the striker to get a shot away but Jones gathered his effort without too much trouble.

A ball from Bruce across the Ammanford

box reached Bryl and the youngster put in another telling cross which Muir was just unable to get a foot to.

The half ended goalless with Dinas having the better chances.

Things went downhill for the visitors in the second half, having to use three different goalkeepers. Dinas started the half well with a Bruce free kick forcing Jones to gather.

Rhys Owen was shown a yellow card for tripping Johns from behind. Johns then fed Bruce with a good ball and hit a tremendous shot which beat Jones but was cannoned off the crossbar and was cleared.

Unfortunately for the visitors Jones sustained a leg injury and couldn't continue. Ashley Richards donning the keeper's jersey and Owen Jones coming on to replace him.

Despite this Ammanford began to mount some pressure of their own; a deep free kick from Nathan Jones reached Doyle Salvage but his cross was dealt with by the Dinas defence where James Bloxham and Donnelly were having immense games.

At the other end a double shot from Johns still didn't get the home side on the scoresheet, with stand-in keeper Richards parrying the first attempt and his second volley cleared the crossbar.

Dinas then rang the changes, Myles Case replacing Scott Muir. The Dinas pressure eventually told and a superb strike by left

midfielder Kieron James from 20 yards hit the back of the net to give the Villagers the lead some 20 minutes into the half.

James is proving that he is one of the best players at this level in this position in the league.

Things got worse for Ammanford with 15 minutes remaining when Case was fouled by the stand-in keeper in the box and was shown a red card and Dinas were awarded a penalty.

Matthew Harding then took over between the sticks but he could do nothing to stop Johns netting from the spot to give Dinas a 2-0 lead.

James Perret was then introduced, replacing Paul Caulfield and a few minutes later Luke Swaffield took young Bryl's place. Dinas couldn't add to their tally but the 2-0 win was well deserved.

Squad: 1 James Curtin, 2 Sam Adamson, 3 Paul Caulfield, 4 James Bloxham, 5 Nathan Donnelly, 6 Nicky Bruce, 7 Reuben Salvage, 8 James Marr, 9 Adam Johns (1), 10 Scott Muir, 11 Kieron James (1), 12 Myles Case, 14 Rhys Palmer, 15 Luke Swaffield, 16 James Perret.

The bottom club in Division 2, Chepstow, are the visitors to the Murch next Saturday, April 23, with a 2.30pm kick off and the management team have requested that as many supporters as possible could attend to give the Villagers some encouragement in what is obviously a massive game for both clubs.

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Strong performances... ...but no wins for Cowbridge

COWBRIDGE RFC travelled into the Rhondda Valley last Wednesday night (April 14) to take on Penygraig.

The game on a very wet and boggy pitch produced real excitement and surprising quality with a win for the home team, 22-21.

Not long into the game and inside centre Dai Griffiths made a great break into Penygraig territory which moments later gave a penalty chance for full back Ben Wright, but it drifted to the left.

The opening 15 minutes were nearly all in Penygraig's half but the old adage that you must take advantage of opportunities when they arise was borne out because the first score went to Penygraig by moving the ball down the line and their centre crossing.

They also scored next with a series of drives and their flanker crashing over for a converted try. Second row Alex Lewis was hurt defending the line and was replaced by Ieuan Griffiths.

Cowbridge came back with centre Griffiths chipping over the rushing defence, kicking ahead then scooping up the wet and muddy ball to cross between the posts. Wright added the extras.

There was close shave at the close of the half as a mix at the back allowed Penygraig to hack the ball on but luckily it ran dead. Flankers Rhod Walker and Luke Boys had literally been everywhere in this half. The half-time score was 12-7.

Ten minutes into the second half and some great interplay between forwards and back resulted in a looping pass infield; number 8 Geraint Thomas scattered opponents over 20 metres to offload to flying centre Will Williams to score. Wright again converted.

After more really good play, with captain Huw Loughor at outside half probing and full back Wright showing excellent counter attacking skills, from a scrum No 8 Thomas picked up and charged over from eight metres for a converted try, but Penygraig came back and for fully five minutes battered the Cowbridge line. Only superb defence kept them out with front rowers Dai Popham and Connor Boys to the fore.

With 10 minutes to go Penygraig got their reward through their forwards, the conversion making it 19-21.

Then, with just five minutes to go, the referee mistakenly not only penalised Cowbridge but yellow carded hard-working second row Kieran David.

A frantic last few minutes saw Cowbridge throwing everything at Penygraig and they nearly got there as the last play released right wing Hatim Shami, who accelerated away and looked to be going in at the corner, only be brought down a few

metres short. The final score was 22-12.

Covered in mud the players from both sides congratulated each other warmly. With a little more composure Cowbridge might have got there but it was a mighty effort.

Hats off to all the players but special mention for veteran prop Dai Breed who rolled back the years with a first class display.

Following that display, Cowbridge should have gone into Saturday's home fixture against third placed Tylorstown with some confidence.

However with unavailability and late withdrawals it was a struggle to put out a team. Starting with just 13 players it was extraordinary that it took the visitors 15 minutes to score their first try, but Cowbridge played as if they had the full complement.

Not only did they tackle like demons but were prepared to run the ball at every opportunity. With Dai Breed again outstanding and the pack holding their own in the scrum, the back row of the Boys brothers and Rhod Walker, second row Kieren David and prop Ben Worrall, really took the game to Tylorstown.

No. 10 Alex Guard, returning from his trip down under, provided some great link work allowing Huw Loughor and Ben Wright to make dents in the Tylorstown defence.

Still after half an hour it was inevitable that the extra numbers would tell with Tylorstown scoring three tries, with just a Ben Wright penalty to show for Cowbridge.

But Cowbridge just kept on attacking and a great period of interpassing ended with scrum half Richie Howsen jinking over for a well deserved try. Unfortunately Tylorstown hit back with a converted try just before half -time to make it 8-24 at the interval.

The second half went much the way of the first with Cowbridge continuing to attack at every opportunity with couple of chances of further tries, but the visitors were always going to be able to use the extra men to their advantage, scoring a further four tries for a final score of 50-8.

That score doesn't, however, reflect the effort and commitment shown by every Cowbridge player who gave their all.

This Saturday the firsts are due to play St Albans at home. We are trying to organise an early kick off to enable as many as possible to travel to the Principality Stadium to support the youth in the the Welsh Challenge Cup final against Cardiff Met, kick off 3.30pm.

Finally, a reminder that the club dinner will take place at the clubhouse on Friday, May 20.

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Under-15s are the champions!

COWBRIDGE under-15s finished off their season with a brilliant victory at the Cardiff and Vale District tournament held this year at Llanishen.

First up for Cowbridge were Llandaff. The boys are usually slow starters at tournaments, but not this time.

Some great inter-play between forwards and backs produced a barn storming opening game.

Flanker Ben Jones bagged a couple of tries early on following some hard runs made by the forwards, crashing over from short distance. Jack Dixon and Dan O'Sullivan added to Jones' tally to make for a comfortable first game win, the final score 24-0.

Next up for Cowbridge were Rhiwbina. Rhiwbina have had a good season and started well, putting Cowbridge under an enormous amount of pressure in the opening 10 minutes.

To a man they protect Cowbridge protected their own line with every part of their body. Lewis Hawke showed incredible bravery and brilliant tackling skills. A couple of time the boys held Rhiwbina up over their line, with Luke Connor and Barty Norton showing great strength.

Following a Rhiwbina five metre scrum, the Rhiwbina number eight picked the ball up and ran at the Cowbridge line. A great tackle by Evan Thomas was followed by a textbook turnover from Ben Jones. Ioan Williams then fed his backs from behind their own line; a

couple of passes later Jack Dixon the flying Cowbridge left winger, found himself clear just inside his own 22.

Dixon made off for a length of the field try, against the run of play and Cowbridge led at half time 7-0.

The second half started in a similar fashion, but this time Cowbridge managed to get some possession just inside the Rhiwbina half.

A slick backs move created more space for Dixon to exploit. Dixon was caught just short of the line, but with simple hands the backs put Harry Ridge over for the game's final score, Cowbridge winning 12-0.

The boys moved onto the semi-final, where they faced a Fairwater side full of confidence after qualifying from their group.

Cowbridge conceded their first try of the tournament when the bigger Fairwater pack forced themselves over the line wide out.

Cowbridge showed great team spirit and did not allow themselves to be distracted away from their game plan. Forwards made hard yards tiring the Fairwater pack, allowing the backs space out wide to show their pace.

Finally, as the first half drew to a close, Morgan Johns, the Cowbridge inside centre, crashed over for a levelling try. With the final in touching distance, Jack Dixon came to the team's aid once again and produced a brilliant solo try.

Ioan Williams converted to put the boys into the final, the final

score 12-5.

In the final Cowbridge met Rhiwbina, who had beaten hosts Llanishen in another hard fought semi-final.

Rhiwbina were first out of the blocks and caught Cowbridge by surprise by scoring in the first few minutes following some poor Cowbridge tackling.

Cowbridge responded straight away when Dixon chose a brilliant running line to crash through the Rhiwbina defence, which Ioan Williams converted.

Rhiwbina came straight back at Cowbridge and forced Cowbridge into a defensive lineout just inside their own 22.

Cowbridge threw the ball to the back of the lineout, which Rhiwbina stole with ease.

On the stroke of half-time, and after some unusually weak Cowbridge tackling, Rhiwbina 22.

Rhiwbina crossed the Cowbridge line to recapture the lead, 14-7.

After some motivational words from the coaches the boys produced their best half of rugby of the tournament to thwart Rhiwbina and bring the trophy home.

The reliable Dixon produced another burst of pace to break through and score under the posts, which I. Williams converted.

Rhiwbina came straight back at Cowbridge and scored their third try of the game to take the lead once again, 19-14.

The boys showed great team spirit and character to get back into their game and eventually win the tournament.

As the game entered its final stages Cowbridge camped themselves in the Rhiwbina 22.

With minutes to go, Ioan Williams produced a brilliant dummy and change of pace to get some away from the Rhiwbina back row and score the tournament's winning try.

To finish off a brilliant day, I. Williams converted his own try for a final score of 21-19. Four wins out of four and the district championship title!

Pictured above (back row from left to right): Steve Williams (coach) at Barny Langton-Cryer, Evan Lloyd, Lewis Hawke, Harry Black, Iwan Price-Thomas, Jack Dixon, Morgan Johns, Rowan Allin, Kevin Ridge (coach).

Front row (from left to right): Evan Thomas, Iestyn Fenn, Dylan Hughes, Ioan Williams, Ben Jones, Jack Little (c), Dan O'Sullivan, Luke Conner, Barty Norton, Harry Ridge.

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Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, April 12, the final games of this season's league programme were played.

This year's champions, the Edmondres B, finished strongly beating the Farmers Arms 8-1, with Llanharri narrowly defeating the Edmondres C 5-4, while Highwayman Inn beat the Old Post Ladies 8-1; the Highwayman Inn took the runners-up slot.

At the Farmers Arms, the Edmondres A just defeated the Farmers B (H&H) 5-4. The Six Bells Inn did not have a game.

The 2015-2016 final league standings: champions: Edmondres B (105 points), runners-up: Highwayman Inn (91), Llanharri (86), Six Bells Inn (75), Edmondres A (71),

Farmers Arms (69), Edmondres C (68), Farmers B (H&H) (60) and Old Post Ladies (23).

Next Tuesday, April 26, the first round of matches in the League Challenge Cup will be played.

The Edmondres B, Highwayman Inn, Llanharri, Edmondres C, Farmers B (H&H) and Old Post Ladies will be playing at the Edmondres Arms. The Six Bells Inn, Edmondres A and Farmers Arms will be playing at the Farmers Arms.

The evening of darts starts at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome.

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